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LABOR SET FOR OAKLAND POLLS TUESDAY!

Joe Smith: "We Will Win If We Work!"

REPORT —TO OUR READERS-OWNERS

After Just About 10 Years We Find Ourself Agreeing With Editor Harold Rossman

It must be just about 10 years, now, that the man who is now editor of East Bay Labor Journal has been disagreeing on most subjects with Harold Rossman, editor of Paul Heide's Labor Herald.

It wasn't during all those years Paul Heide's Labor Herald, for it used to be the official CIO Labor Herald in the palmy days of the Harry Bridges dictatorship, before Philip Murray turned over in his sleep, yawned and woke up

But the disagreement was there, through all the permutations.

However, now we've agreed on something. For Rossman has published in the March 27 issue of the Labor Herald, an item headed: AFTER TEN YEARS, WE SAY 'AMEN.'

And now, word for word, here is what Rossman said in that item:

What does a labor editor learn in the course of editing a labor newspaper?

A particularly brief and particularly apt answer was provided this month by Louis Burgess, editor of the AFL's East Bay Labor Journal in a personal testament marking completion of his fourth year of editorship of the paper.

Burgess wrote that he "has now devoted four years to the experiment of trying to find out whether labor is really interested in having a labor paper."

And his conclusions were:

"So far the experiment has shown that a considerable proportion of those who receive the paper find it interesting and useful.

"The experiment has also shown that in some cases official leaders of unions will read the paper, enjoy it and consider it valuable, but won't stir a finger to get their union to subscribe to it.

"The above three paragraphs adequately tell the story of those four years."

To which the Labor Herald's editor, after 10 years, would add, "Amen."

New Swimming Pool Adds To YMCA Camp Program

YMCA Press Release

Camp plans for the summer of 1951 at the Oakland Y.M.C.A. Camp Loma Mar were announced this week by R. W. Snyder, chairman of the camp board of managers.

Newest improvement at the camp site, located near La Honda in San Mateo county, is a brand new modern swimming pool, now under construction. The pool will be ready for dedication by June 1, said Snyder, and plans are now being made by the Y.M.C.A. for parents, leaders and campers to visit the camp in advance of the season for a formal program dedicating the pool. The chairman said the date for this dedication will be set shortly.

The pool is 75 feet long by 30 feet wide; in addition there is provided a shallow wading pool for beginners; it can be lighted for night swimming, and possesses the latest features for instruction, safety and control.

Los Angeles AFL Votes To Cooperate With CIO On Consumer Program

(L.A. Labor Citizen, April 6)

Following a report by W. J. Bassett on the United Labor Policy Committee conference in Washington, the Los Angeles County AFL War Emergency Committee voted full support to committee policies and to concur in its program of action.

At the meeting last Friday in the Labor Temple, AFL representatives agreed to unite on a local level with the CIO and non-operating Rail Brotherhoods in carrying out a consumer educational program.

Special Notice!

Auto Machinists Local 1546!

Members and their families planning to attend the Shrine Circus this year will have an opportunity to get reserved seats at reduced prices in a section reserved for Monday, May 14, 1951. A limited number of tickets are available. First come first served.

Contact your union office for information and reservations.

J. E. CLARK,
Financial Secretary.

BTC Disturbed By Anti-Labor Lobby Success

Building Trades Council delegates this week heard disheartening news concerning the legislative fate of the labor-sponsored disability insurance bill now being worked on by a state joint committee.

In its Weekly News Letter, the State Federation of Labor reported that the powerful employer lobby in the State Capitol had influenced the Finance and Insurance Committee to vote approval of crippling amendments which were sternly opposed by AFL spokesmen.

Against the express wishes of C. J. Haggerty, Federation legislative representative, and Charles P. Scully, Federation attorney, the committee adopted in substance amendments which would (1) reduce the maximum benefit from $35 to $30 a week; (2) freeze the disability reserve fund, making newly gained surpluses unavailable for increased benefits; (3) permit disability payments to workers unemployed during an industrial dispute only when such workers are hospitalized.

One of the committeemen voting for labor and against the employer lobby was Assemblyman Francis Dunn Jr. (Dem., Oakland).

ANTI-LABOR BIAS

BTC Secretary John Davy read to council delegates another item from the News Letter which brought into the open the long reported connection between state "hot cargo" legislation and the Associated Farmers.

In the March edition of the Associated Farmers' monthly bulletin the lead story openly admits the espousal of the Hatfield and Clarke anti-labor bills.

In words that leave no doubt as to their meaning, the story declares that "bills prohibiting 'hot cargo' and secondary boycott practices by unions were being pressed by representatives of the Associated Farmers in the State Legislature."

PAINTERS' CONVENTION

BTC Business Representative Jack Reynolds will open the three-day California State Conference of Painters Convention by delivering a short welcoming address this (Friday) morning to delegates at the Hotel Leamington.

TUESDAY VOTE EMPHASIZED

Reynolds emphasized the importance of getting out the vote for labor candidates in the Tuesday election. He warned the delegates that if anti-labor candidates get control of the council "we can expect rent controls to go as one of the first acts of such a council."

He explained in down-to-earth terms what such a calamity would mean to workingmen. "It will mean," he said, "the loss of a dollar a day to each member of your unions who is renting an apartment because we can expect a $30 a month increase in rent if rent controls are removed."

NEXT MEETING POSTPONED

There will be no meeting of the BTC this coming Tuesday due to the fact that the Oakland election falls on the same day. The next meeting is scheduled for April 24.

(Additional details of this week's BTC meeting will be published in next week's East Bay Labor Journal.)

Death of a Union Official Due to Convention Strain

State Gov't Release

The Industrial Accident Commission has today approved a death benefit award of $7500 to Mrs. Cyril J. Alveraz, El Cerrito, widow of Cyril J. Alveraz, employed by Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of America, Local 560.

Mr. Alvarez was attending a meeting in San Jose when, in the course of his employment, he was stricken suddenly ill. Medical testimony on which the commission's award was based showed that his death was due to coronary thrombosis brought on by the tensions, debates on the floor, which he attended immediately prior to his collapse and in **which he took vigorous part.**

Attorneys Smith & Parrish of Oakland represented Mrs. Alvarez, who was named guardian ad litem and trustee for her minor children in the award.

The employer's insurance carrier, National Automobile and Casualty Insurance Company, was represented by the law firm of Leonard, Hanna & Brophy, San Francisco.

The award was signed by Commissioners Everett A. Corten, S. W. Macdonald and Frank A. Lawrence.

'Please Give Us a Cow!' Sad Plea of Anti-Milker Assn.

The anti-union Marin-Sonoma Dairymen's Association, which has been conducting the fight against Milkers 304, is hanging on to the ropes, or the stanchions of the dairy barn, or something.

So concluded Johnny Silva, business representative of the Milkers, when he learned that the association, desperately endeavoring to dig out of an $80,000 deficit caused by the struggle, has worked up a "Give us a cow" program.

The association had promised to pay any dairyman who would join in the anti-union fight the difference between the price the dairymen had been receiving for whole milk and the price for manufactured milk.

Once the dairymen entered the anti-union fight they couldn't sell their whole milk to the Oakland distributors any more. They soon found that out. The members of Milkers 304 picketed. The members of Milk Drivers 302, exercising their constitutional rights as individuals, wouldn't handle the hot milk.

As month after month passed, more and more thousands of gallons of milk declared hot by the Central Labor Council were thrown back into the hands of the anti-union association to be handled in the association's creamery for manufactured products, the financial plight of the association got more and more serious.

So one of the master minds of the association had a big thought. Why not get each member of the association to contribute one moo-cow to the association?

But a good moo-cow costs as much as $400, and the members of the association in large numbers, in effect replied:

"Dairy bull baloney!"

Another problem of the association, according to Silva, is that when the dairy association had the checkoff system, and the distributor checked off the association's dues, the association got the dues pronto. But now that the distributors don't check off, the dues are off, too, he says.

It's all very sad. So sad that Manuel Cotta of Manteca, a dairyman who has been on the We Don't Patronize list for some time, has signed up with the union, and others indicate they may do the same soon.

Non-Local Carpenters Win 10% Pay Increase; New Hourly Rate $2.39

About 30,000 carpenters in 42 Northern California counties have been awarded a 10 per cent wage increase, representing 21½ cents an hour. The counties affected do not include San Francisco, Alameda, Marin or San Mateo.

The agreement was announced jointly over the week-end by the Northern and Central California chapters of the Associated General Contractors of America Inc. and Joseph Cambiano, international representative of the AFL Carpenters Union.

According to the announcement, the increase is in keeping with the national pattern established by the Wage Stabilization Board permitting wage boosts up to 10 per cent.

The increase brings the carpenters' hourly rate to $2.39. It will take effect April 30 and remain in force for one year.

Meanwhile, Chester Bartalini, secretary-treasurer of the Bay Counties Council of Carpenters, said that his group, representing some 15,000 craftsmen, will soon open negotiations for wage increases. Carpenters in the four counties not covered by the recent agreement are now receiving $2.37½ an hour.

Beck Guest of Marshall On Defense Tour

(Washington Teamster)

Dave Beck, executive vice-president of the Teamsters International Union, was one of the guests of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps during a one-week civilian orientation conference, which started in Washington, D. C., on April 8.

Beck was invited to attend the conference by Secretary of Defense George C. Marshall.

RULE BACKFIRES

BERKELEY (LPA).—The Students Union store banned the National Guardian after students protested it followed the Communist line, management explaining that any publication is barred if three students complain. There followed complaints against the Hearst San Francisco Examiner, Readers' Digest, Life, Time and the Saturday Evening Post.

The Guardian is back on the racks.

Marilyn Anglin On Executive Board of CLC

Marilyn Anglin, secretary-treasurer of Office Employes 29, is now a member of the executive committee of the Central Labor Council.

At this week's CLC meeting she and Jack Kopke, Paint Makers 1101, were nominated for the vacancy made by the resignation of Paul Nicely, Paint Makers 1101, who is now working with the Paint Makers in Los Angeles.

Kopke withdrew, saying he believed "Sister Anglin has great potentialities" as a labor official. Nominations were closed, and Miss Anglin declared elected by President A. G. Alameida.

John Sweeney Says Warehouse 12 Can Organize East Bay

AFL Organizer John Sweeney has notified Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash that Teamster-Warehouse Local 12 has general authority to organize the unorganized in the East Bay as well as in other parts of the area.

Ash had told the CLC delegates at their April 2 meeting that if anyone saw a possibility of organizing warehouse workers anywhere in Alameda county they should get in touch with Warehousemen's Local 853.

"Warehousemen's Local 853," Ash said, "is the local which has the jurisdiction."

But at the CLC meeting Monday of this week, Ash reported that Sweeney had called him up and told him about Teamster-Warehouse Local 12 also having authority to organize the unorganized here and elsewhere.

Ash said the reason he had assumed Local 12 was limiting itself to organizing into the Teamsters dissatisfied members of Harry Bridges' Warehouse Local 6 was because of statements made last year to the executive council of the State Federation of Labor.

At a San Diego meeting of the State Fed executive council last year, Ash said, Teamster representatives, in asking for and getting $20,000 aid from the State Fed, had said their purpose was to organize Harry Bridges' Local 6 members.

As a vice-president of the State Federation of Labor, Ash is a member of its executive council.

Officers of Teamster-Warehouse Local 12 were formerly officers of Bridges' Warehouse Local 6. They withdrew, on the ground that Warehouse Local 6 was dominated by Communists.

Various court and NLRB decisions are pending on the struggle between Teamster-Warehouse 12 and Bridges' Warehouse 6.

Warehousemen's Local 853, affiliated with the Central Labor Council, is an affiliate of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

"Since Local 853 is affiliated with the Central Labor Council, delegates should contact 853 if they have people to organize," said Ash.

To All Members Paint Makers 1101!

As a result of agreement reached by the three candidates in joint session with the Union Executive Board last Tuesday night, the following rules will govern the election for Assistant Business Representative:

Hours of Voting: Secret balloting will start at 9 p.m. as a special order of business on the night of our regular meeting, Tuesday, April 17, 1951. The meeting starts as usual at 8 p.m., Hall M, Labor Temple. You must be in the meeting hall before balloting starts so get there before 9 p.m., as no members will be allowed to enter the hall while the election is in progress. This rule agreed on to prevent confusion and possible duplication of votes.

For swing and graveyard shift workers, and for the approximately eight members of the Union who are on medical excuses (such as deaf mutes) the Union office will be open from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday afternoon, April 17, 1951, for them to vote. **Only the above-mentioned may vote during these hours.** It does not prevent the above-mentioned from voting at the union meeting instead, if they prefer.

The printed ballots will have the candidates listed from top to bottom in the following order, arrived at by draw.

Mark in box in front of your choice
(Vote for one only)

☐ PETE CEREMELLO
☐ OLAV "OLE" RIDDERVOLD
☐ LOUIS PAPE

(If you damage your ballot, return it to the Election Committee and get one to replace it.)

Labor Council Has Not Endorsed Rise Of City Sales Tax

Correction of a misstatement in the Oakland Tribune made "either by error or design" was established at this week's meeting of the Central Labor Council.

The Knowland paper in its issue of Wednesday, April 4, published a story headed: "Citizens' Group OK's Pay, Sales Tax Boosts."

The first two paragraphs of the story were:

"A citizens' committee, called together by Mayor Clifford E. Richell yesterday, unanimously endorsed city ordinances which would boost all city wages $25 a month on May 1 and increase the city sales tax to 1 per cent on July 1.

"Harold MacQuarrie of the Dimond Merchants Association, introduced the resolution supporting the two measures after a two-hour discussion with the City Council committee-of-the-whole. J. C. Reynolds, secretary of the AFL Central Labor Council, seconded the motion."

ASH MAKES CORRECTION

CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash, in making his weekly report to the delegates, said he assumed most of them had seen the item in question.

He said that he did not know whether it was by "error or design" that the Tribune had attributed the secretaryship of the Central Labor Council to a man who holds an entirely different office.

As for the sales tax angle, Ash stated that the Central Labor Council had gone on record as opposed to the sales tax, and to boosting it.

"The Central Labor Council has had no part in any proposal to increase the city sales tax," Ash concluded.

At the meeting the week before the CLC delegates had voted to protest against proposals to boost the state sales tax.

LABOR'S HISTORIC STAND

Historically, organized labor in general has opposed the principle of the sales tax on the ground that it is a tax on those least able to pay.

At the present time, one of the main points at issue on proposed defense taxation is the proposed federal sales tax, backed by the NAM and opposed by the United Labor Policy Committee.

Reference to this historic position has been made at various meetings of the Central Labor Council.

Bridges' Longshoremen Ask 15 Cents, 10-Cent Employer Pay to Pension

ILUW Press Release

HONOLULU, T. H.—West Coast longshoremen of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union voted in caucus to open their Coast agreement, which expires June 15 and to demand 15 cents per hour increase, plus a pension to which the employers and the longshoremen would each contribute 10 cents per hour.

The nearly 80 delegates to the longshore, ships clerks and walking boss caucus, meeting in Eagles Hall here following the ninth biennial convention of the ILWU, unanimously adopted the recommendations of the Coast Labor Relations Committee, and also unanimously approved the work of the committee during the past two years.

Members of the committee for the union are ILWU President Harry Bridges, Howard Bodine of Portland, Ore., and L. B. Thomas of San Pedro, Calif.

In addition to administering the Coast agreement the committee also administers jointly with the employers the welfare fund, upon which a complete report and accounting was given to the caucus.

Single Craft Election Ordered by NLRB in Construction Industry

WASHINGTON (PA).—The National Labor Relations Board in two decisions has ordered elections held among employes of a single craft in construction operations of the building industry. It was the first time the board has ruled on requests for such elections.

The elections were asked by the AFL Plumbers and opposed by eight other AFL unions — Iron Workers, Laborers, Bricklayers, Carpenters, Sheet Metal Workers, Operating Engineers, Boilermakers and Teamsters. The eight argued that the board, as a matter of policy, should decline to assert jurisdiction because it might otherwise start a flood of election petitions from other unions in the building and construction industry.

The board ordered a representation election for the Baltimore Plumbers, and a union shop election at Olean, N. Y.

Labor-Backed Councilman in Urgent Speech

Organized labor was set this week to go to the Oakland primary election polls this coming Tuesday, April 17.

The Labor Temple hummed with activities connected with the election. Thousands of cards carrying the AFL ticket shown on this page of East Bay Labor Journal were being handed out.

Joseph E. Smith, Councilman-at-large strongly backed by labor for re-election, appeared at the meeting of the Central Labor Council this week and warned the delegates that if they wished to win at the polls, a lot of work in the precincts would have to be done.

SMITH'S WARNING

"I appreciate very much the action of your council and the Building Trades Council in endorsing me for re-election," said Smith. "But if this election is to be won, there must be more than endorsements. A lot of work is needed."

Automotive Machinists 1546, which has endorsed the AFL Educational League's ticket in general, has specifically endorsed Councilman Smith for re-election.

Smith's record as Mayor of Oakland made him widely known to labor and citizens in general.

CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash notified the delegates that a large number of the AFL tickets had been printed and were available in his office for distrbution. Many of the unions were mailing the election tickets out to all their members.

THE PROPOSITIONS

Interest in the propositions on the ballot was keen among the labor people.

Capt. G. W. (Wes) Eves of Fire Fighters 55 put the CLC delegates to a civic consciousness test which caused much amusement.

"I want you to remember," said Eves, who is a delegates to the Council, "that we firemen and policemen are still greatly interested in Proposition 2—"

"Proposition 4!" came a chorus of voices.

Eves smiled dourly.

"Pardon my mistake," he said.

His test had worked. It had proved that the labor people had Proposition 4, which provides for the Police-Pension Plan, firmly in mind.

A YES vote on Proposition 4, and a NO vote on Proposition 5, are two of the matters in which labor is the most keenly interested on the list of propositions.

No. 5, if adopted, would take away from workers in the city's Electrical Department sick leave and vacation benefits they have long had.

Suit to Restrain Eviction Filed

U. S. Govt. Release

OAKLAND.—A suit to restrain all municipal judges and court attaches in Oakland from granting an eviction notice to a harrassed couple has been filed in U. S. District Court in San Francisco by attorneys for the Housing Expediter at the request of Robert H. Thorp, area rent director, Alameda County Defense-Rental Area.

The suit is the first of its kind ever filed here in which the Federal Court is asked to restrain a municipal court from evicting a tenant at the behest of the landlord.

Named as defendants in the complaint and motion for preliminary injunction are Municipal Judge Harry W. Pulcifer, all judges and court attaches of Oakland Municipal Court, Ralph L. Baker, Alameda attorney, and his client, Carl K. Harshman, the landlord.

The petition is filed on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Engels of 1076½ Park avenue, Alameda. The couple occupy basement quarters at that address. Harshman lives upstairs.

March Food Prices Up 3%

(U.S. Gov't Release

Retail food prices in mid-March, 1951, were nearly 3 per cent higher than they had been a month earlier, according to a preliminary report by Max D. Kossoris, regional director of the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Although most items had risen during the month, the sharpest rise, over 15 per cent, was recorded for prices of fresh fruits and vegetables. The March index of 241.7 was 14.5 per cent above immediate pre-Korea levels of last June.

In terms of the 1939 value of the food dollar, the San Francisco housewife's dollar was worth about 41½ cents.

AFL TICKET
Oakland Primary Election
TUESDAY, APRIL 17

Following are the candidates and propositions on the ballot recommended by the AFL Educational League of Alameda County:

DOUGLAS C. SWEENEY
City Council District 1

RAYMOND E. PEASE
City Council District 3

FRED MAGGIORA
City Council District 5

ALFRED J. DRUMMOND
City Council District 7

JOSEPH E. SMITH
City Council at Large

DAVID V. ROSEN
City Auditor

Board of Education—No recommendation

PROPOSITIONS

No. 1: YES
Extends time between Oakland primary and general elections.

No. 2: YES
Authorizes City Council to set City Auditor's salary.

No. 3: YES
Consolidates Playground Board and Recreation Board.

No. 4: YES
Authorizes the Police and Firemen's Retirement Plan.

No. 5: NO
Takes sick leave and vacation benefits from Electrical Department workers.

No. 6: NO
Prevents City Council from authorizing request for money for public schools.

No. 7: YES
Raises from $500 to $1000 amount of work city can do without contract.

Political News and Publicity

Pease's City Council Record Cited by Reynolds as Proof He Deserves Labor Support

Pease Committee

Jack Reynolds, business representative of the Building and Construction Trades Council, in announcing the endorsement of Councilman Raymond E. Pease by the AFL Political Educational Committee, urged union members to campaign actively on his behalf.

"Councilman Pease was elected to the Oakland City Council four years ago with the support of our unions," Reynolds said. "At that time he ran on a platform of more adequate housing, charter reform, long overdue; of equalization of city taxes and more adequate transportation. Within the council, Councilman Pease time and again tried to carry out his campaign promises. He made a motion for the calling of a freeholders' election to draft a new charter, and the motion was killed. He urged the retention of a tax expert, who was finally hired to look into tax assessments.

"It was Councilman Pease who urged the formation of a public utility bureau by the 10 East Bay cities, to oppose unjust increases in transportation, gas, electric and telephone rates. This was finally accomplished.

VOTED FOR HOUSING

"Councilman Pease voted for the 2000 public housing units which caused some of the landlords and apartment house owners to stage a recall election. They spent $30,000 on the campaign, and it cost the city of Oakland's taxpayers $82,000 for the two elections.

"It was during this campaign that charges of Red Communism, socialized housing, 'Protect the home owner, whose taxes must support public housing,' were flung at the five councilmen who voted for this much-needed housing.

"The amazing thing is that there is not one single dollar of public funds, federal, state or county, in the Oakland Housing units. The Housing Authority issues bonds which pay the extremenly low rate of 1¼ per cent. To build the 922 units cost $4,136,000. Of this sum, $736,000 has already been paid on the principal.

"Now as to taxes. The Public Housing Authority pays the city and county 10 per cent of shelter rent in lieu of taxes. What does the private landlord or apartment house owner pay? Never over 7 per cent and sometimes not more than 5 per cent.

LABOR BACKS PEASE

"Actually, the city of Oakland is short 38,000 housing units, according to a survey made by the Oakland Planning Commission. The 2000 units of public housing for Oakland is about 5 per cent of those needed.

"Councilman Pease has received high praise for the compromise he worked out in the Pacific Gas and Electric Company gas franchise, which during the next 10 years will bring the city $1,000,000 in revenue. When the attorneys for both the company and the city could arrive at no solution, Councilman Pease offered a solution which both the city attorneys and the company thought fair and equitable. Except for this compromise, a long and costly law suit would have resulted.

"Labor has endorsed Councilman Pease because we think that he has tried to do his job in the interest of all the people."

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3 City-Wide Endorsements Of Councilman Joe Smith

Smith Committee

Added impetus for the re-election of Joseph E. Smith as Councilman-at-Large at the April 17 primary was provided today with the announcement of three new city-wide endorsements.

Lee Hirshberg announced the formation of a Montclair Merchants Committee for Smith; James Greig, president of the Glenview Merchants Association and treasurer of the Glenview Improvement Club, threw his hat into the Smith camp; and F. C. Adamson, recording secretary of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, reported that group's unanimous endorsement of Smith.

All three endorsements emphasized Smith's experience as the basis for their decision to support his re-election.

The Montclair committee, headed by Hirshberg, includes C. W. Leekins, Charles Gray, Hadley Cole, C. E. Carlo, C. E. Downey, Charles Huenke, Lyle Waltz and Allen Moore.

"In these trying times, Oakland needs to retain experienced and capable men in office," Greig said.

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Auto Machinists 1546 Announces It Backs Smith

The members of the East Bay Automotive Machinists, Union No. 1546, International Association of Machinists, at its regular meeting, Tuesday, April 3, unanimously endorsed the candidacy of Joseph Smith for re-election to the Oakland City Council.

A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary.

Oakland Political News

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"Smith has rendered the city four years of efficient service and has faced and handled difficult problems with outstanding administrative ability. He has endeavored at all times to be as fair as possible to the over-all city. That is why I urge his re-election."

Adamson declared, "Our brotherhood urges its recommendation for Smith on his record of fairness and his constant efforts to assist both labor and management in times of economic stress."

Smith has been endorsed by leading business men and industrialists throughout the city, as well as by the Central Labor Council and the Building and Construction Trades Council.

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Drummond, Backed by Labor For Council, States Stand

Drummond Committee

Alfred J. Drummond, popular candidate for the City Council in District No. 7, speaking at a recent campaign committee meeting, said:

"I am opposed to the imposition of additional taxes on business and individuals every time the city needs additional revenue, and I am also opposed to the unfair and inequitable taxes on property owners. If elected, I intend to devote my time and interest, as a business man and as a Councilman, to setting about ways and means to eliminate the present detouring to other cities a lot of business that belongs to the City of Oakland because of the present high fare zones and inadequate and poor transportation for our people."

He also stated "that as a father, I am quite alarmed at the increasing lack of sufficient cooperative effort on the part of our city fathers toward rectifying any increase in juvenile delinquency. I feel there is room in our city government to improve conditions in this respect, and it is my aim to do all in my power to rectify these conditions."

Drummond has been endorsed by the AFL Educational League.

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Maggiora Supported by Labor For Return to City Council

Maggiora Committee

Fred Maggiora, incumbent Councilman for District No. 5, today expressed his thanks to his sponsors for their support in the coming municipal election and further stated his hope that he would have the opportunity to continue to serve Oakland in public office.

In summing up his campaign program, Maggiora stated that he would continue to inform himself fully on all issues and matters of policy which come before the City Council and then, having no commitments other than for good government for Oakland, he would, as before, work diligently toward a continuation of that aim. Maggiora expressed the belief that his considerable stake in this community as a home owner and for 17 years a successful business man, along with his experience and past record in public office, should fully warrant the support of all voters at the polls.

Among the many organizations which have endorsed Maggiora's candidacy for re-election are included the Central Labor Council, the Building Trades Council and the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks.

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City Manager Hassler Says Proposition 4 Essential

Police-Fire Committee

In a statement made this week, City Manager John F. Hassler said, urging a YES vote on Proposition No. 4, the Retirement Plan for Oakland Police and Firemen that will appear on the municipal election ballot on April 17:

"We particularly urge the adoption of Proposition No. 4 at this time because the average age of the men in the departments is exceptionally young, which will give them ample time to contribute to the reserve fund before their retirement is due. Oakland cannot afford to wait another five or ten years to correct the unsound policy now in practice—we must call a halt now to the mounting costs of the present retirement system and replace it with a reserve system based on sound actuarial principles."

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Proposition No. 5 Would Harm Municipal Workers

Committee Against No. 5

The employes of the Electrical Department, City of Oakland, are faced through Proposition No. 5, if enacted, with the loss of a sound and equitable sick leave and vacation formula that has been enjoyed by them as provided by Section 110 of the Charter, for over a period of 30 years.

This Section 110 now reads as follows:

"Sec. 110. The Electrical Department shall consist of a superintendent and an assistant superintendent, and necessary subordinates appointed by the City Manager, according to the Civil Service provisions of this Charter. The employes of this department shall, as far as may be practicable, have the benefits of the provisions covering leaves of absence and vacation which prevail in the Police and Fire Departments."

This Section 110, if amended, will read as follows:

"The Electrical Department shall consist of a superintendent and an assistant superintendent and necessary subordinates appointed by the City Manager according to the Civil Service provisions of this Charter."

In effect the last sentence of the present Section 110, pertaining to leaves of absence and vacations, is omitted and the employes' rights to these benefits taken entirely out of the Charter.

The AFL Educational League of Alameda County is strongly backing the drive to defeat Proposition No. 5.

Drummond Strongly Backed For Council by Labor

Drummond Committee

At a recent meeting of the Alameda County AFL Political Committee, which consists of delegates to the Central Labor Council and the Building Trades Council, Alfred J. Drummond, candidate for Councilman in District No. 7, was given 100 per cent endorsement for the Oakland primary election, to be held Tuesday, April 17.

The Oakland Lodge No. 802, Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, at its last regular monthly meeting, endorsed Alfred J. Drummond for election to the Oakland City Council. This organization represents 1500 railway employes and is the largest railroad union, serving the largest number of employes of any private industry in this city.

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Geen's Candidacy Supported By Group of Labor People

Geen Committee

Election of Arthur B. Geen as School Director No. 1 at the April 17 Oakland primary election has been predicted by a Labor Committee sponsoring his candidacy.

Included on the committee are: Tommy J. Roberts, Jack Reynolds, Building Trades; Jack Faber, Cooks 228; C. L. Dellums, Sleeping Car Porters; Paul L. Jones, Laborers 304; John Davy, Steamfitters 342; William Vandenhoogen, Bricklayers 8; S. A. Summers, Roofers 81; Abel M. Silva, Hod Carriers 166; Lloyd Child, Sheet Metal 216; S. E. Rockwell, Electrical Workers 595, and Oakland Lodge 802, Brotherhood of Railway Clerks.

Geen is campaigning on a platform which parallels the Central Labor Council "education platform" which has been described in articles by Ed M. Ross in The East Bay Labor Journal.

Declared Geen: "Members of organized labor, as parents and taxpayers, must take the lead in demanding improved school conditions."

No endorsements for School Director have been made by the AFL's official political organization, the AFL Educational League of Alameda County.

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Rosen Endorsed

Rosen Committee

Endorsement of David V. Rosen, incumbent City Auditor, by the Women's Legislative Club of Alameda County was announced today by Irene Printzlow, president. The club at its last meeting voted unanimously to support his candidacy for office on the grounds of his fitness for the office.

Rosen has been endorsed by the AFL Educational League.

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Broussard Announcement

Broussard Committee

This is to announce endorsement of Warren L. Broussard for City Council from the Third District in Oakland by the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union at its regular meeting of March 26.

United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, Local 1412, has also endorsed Rev. Mr. Broussard.

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School Board

Nonpartisan School Committee

Endorsement of the re-election of Carl B. Munck to the Oakland Board of Education by four school directors was announced today by Nat Levy, chairman of the Nonpartisan School Committee.

Otto H. Hieb, Nannie S. Kramer, David S. Tucker and Homer W. Buckley were on record as "urging the re-election of Munck in the interest of providing the best educational program for boys and girls in our schools."

The AFL Educational League has made no recommendations in the Oakland School Board election.

Trainmen Tell Demos 'No, Thanks;' Return $100 Dinner Tickets

CLEVELAND (LPA).—There will be 5000 guests at the April 14 Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner in Washington, D. C.—but officials of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen will not be among them.

The BRT has returned tickets to the $100-a-plate dinner to William M. Boyle Jr., Democratic National Committee chairman, with "regrets." It is the first real break with the Administration since the Brotherhood's late president, A. E. Whitney, threatened to use the union's treasury to defeat President Truman. That dispute was patched up, however, and Whitney was the only nationally known labor leader to speak for Truman at the Democratic convention in Philadelphia. Later he barnstormed the West Coast with Vice-president Barkley calling for "a new Congress, not a new President."

The White House's handling of the two-year-old negotiations between the railroad unions and carriers—handling which the Trainmen regard as "bungling"—has once more caused a break between Truman and the BRT.

W. P. Kennedy, successor to Whitney, and other rail union chiefs have been particularly bitter over Truman's condemnation of their rejection of a December 21 temporary agreement. They say they were pressured into a "memorandum agreement" which everyone knew had to be ratified by their membership, but the President publicly charged them with "acting like a bunch of Russians."

'Labor Needs a National Daily Newspaper,' Says IAM's Hayes

NEW YORK (LPA).—The labor movement needs a national labor daily newspaper. So declared A. J. Hayes, president of the Machinists, in a round table discussion recently on "Counteracting Anti-Democratic Forces in America," sponsored by the League for Industrial Democracy.

"I know there are obstacles, and difficult ones," Hayes said. "But maybe we have to keep on tackling such obstacles until we find a way to overcome them. The Wall Street Journal is a business executives' organ. It is not a substitute for the regular daily press; it is a supplement to it. Is there any reason why we cannot work out something similar in purpose for the executives of our cause? It would fill an urgent need; and as we learned to creep, we might learn, eventually, to stand up and walk, with daily newspapers of our own for everybody. This is not a new idea, but one which is now being discussed within our movement. I think it is a good proposition, and one which requires action."

The present situation, said Hayes, has given the enemies of all progressive measures an ideal chance to hamstring all progress "and to so smear and attack all progressives that decent people are tending to withdraw from the liberal cause."

The way to counter, said Hayes, is "to go on telling our story—the full story of America," but "we have to do it better. Somehow or other we have to build up our voice so it can be heard all over the land."

Labor and the liberal movement, he continued, have failed to counter adequately the anti-progressive propaganda directed to the rank and file of labor and to members of liberal groups. These make up a considerable block of the population which, said Hayes, "could be more influential in the molding of public opinion than it is."

Organized labor, Hayes declared, has tried to inform its membership through the labor press, which he said has seen a marked change for the better, and the influence of which "is increasing all the time."

Especially significant, Hayes said, is the field membership within the unions, composed of "thousands of articulate men and women," whose great need "is for rapid, up-to-the-minute information to help them understand the quickly shifting scene." It is for this group, especially, said Hayes, that a national labor daily newspaper, "sponsored by a number of like-minded organizations," is so necessary.

We must keep on trying to counter the anti-democratic forces, Hayes went on, try new methods. "Most of all, we must not lower our voice. This is not the time to withdraw or to keep still."

Mark Starr, educational director of the AFL International Ladies Garment Workers Union, was chairman. Other participating in the discussion included Patrick M. Malin, director, American Civil Liberties Union; Stanley H. Ruttenberg, director, department of education and research, CIO, and Walter White, secretary, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

(A sample of what a labor daily could do was the single issue of the National Reporter, published and financed by the AFL and CIO newspaper unions, which together published the Pittsburgh Reporter during the strike and lockout in Pittsburgh last year. The National Reported was edited and published under direction of Sam Eubanks, executive vice-president of the American Newspaper Guild.)

Great Books Foundation To Hold Leaders Course

(Great Books Foundation)

East Bay residents will have their first opportunity to receive the Great Books Foundation's special course in leadership training on April 24, it was announced here today. This course is the first step in establishing community discussion groups throughout the East Bay cities.

The first part of the free training course begins on Tuesday, April 24, at 7:30 p. m., Children's Story Book Room, Oakland Public Library, 14th and Oak streets. The course, to be conducted by Dr. James L. Hagerty of St. Mary's College and Robert Hemenway, regional director of the Great Books Foundation, is sponsored by the libraries of the East Bay and Great Books Foundation.

There are no academic requirements for enrollment in the course. Application blanks and further information may be obtained from the Sociology Department of the Oakland Library, HIghgate 4-8272, extension 26; the Reference Department of the Berkeley Library, THornwall 3-0800, or from Mrs. Theodore Seton of the Great Books staff, telephone HEmlock 1-2121, extension 289.

Your closest librarian will also have information.

ISRAEL DOCTORS ORGANIZE

WASHINGTON (LPA)—A national union of doctors has been organized in Israel by the General Federation of Jewish Workers of Israel. Mordecai Bonen, Israeli labor leader just arrived in this country, said the union "is something unique in the world medical profession." It has been opposed by the Israel Medical Association, he said.

Ill. Court Takes Away 'Hate Group' Charter

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (LPA).—The White Circle League of America, a hate group, has lost its fight to operate in Illinois. The State Supreme Court has upheld a lower court order dissolving the group.

The league was formed in November, 1949, in Chicago. Last May its head, Joseph Beauharnais, was found guilty of circulating literature tending to defame the Negro race and was fined $200, the maximum. The Supreme Court found the corporation, by circulating "scurrilous and inflammatory" publications against the Negroes in Chicago, exceeded the powers conferred by its charter.

Heart Association Thanks Labor for Aid In Publicity Campaign

Editor, Labor Journal:

On behalf of the Alameda County Heart Association, may I express to you my appreciation and thanks for the publicity given us.

The problem of heart disease and related disorders is a tremendous one, but we are convinced that much may be done towards prevention and relief by coordinated community efforts through associations such as ours.

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LABOR IN THE WORLD OF WAR

United Labor and President Truman Start Second Honeymoon With Meeting of Mobilization Policy Board in White House; Rail Workers Slapped Down

By The Editor

United Labor and the Defense Mobilization Administration started another honeymoon Monday.

The occasion was the meeting in the White House, with President Truman participating, of the newly established National Advisory Board on Mobilization Policy.

The board, so high on the policy-making level that it is expected to meet with the President at least once a month, has four members from United Labor, four from business, four from agriculture and four from the public.

The four labor members at the Monday meeting, which scheduled a second meet in the White House for Thursday, are: William Green and George Meany for the AFL and Philip Murray and Walter Reuther for the CIO.

TWO BIG PROBLEMS

At the initial meeting of the board Monday President Truman said there were two big problems to face:

1. How to change the Defense Production Act, which expires in its present form June 30. A better job of rearmament procedure is needed than is possible under the present law, he indicated; and also more effective measures against inflation are needed.

2. To get the Wage Stabilization Board going again.

The Wage Stabilization Board ceased functioning February 15, the day it approved a formula, with only the management and public members voting, to allow a 10 per cent wage increase over what was paid January 15, 1950.

THE BACKGROUND

The three labor members of WSB promptly announced that they were quitting the board. Shortly thereafter, the United Labor Policy Committee, made up of top men of the AFL, CIO, Rail Brotherhoods and various independent unions, requested all labor representatives in the Defense Mobilization Administration to quit their posts, which they did.

This was followed, on March 21 and 22, by a nation-wide meeting of labor people of all the groups in Washington, with Murray and Green jointly appearing before the gathering, which was attended by Robert S. Ash, secretary of the Central Labor Council here, and leaders of similar standing.

APPEAL TO CONSUMERS

At that March 21-22 meeting it was resolved to have the AFL and CIO and other unions hold meetings everywhere, to arouse not only labor folk, but consumers in general, to the holes in the law which allow the consumer and the plain people to be gypped while big business rakes in the coin.

One of the principal targets of United Labor has been Defense Mobilizer Charles E. Wilson, mogul of the General Electric Company. Wilson was at the White House meeting of the new National Advisory Board on Mobilization Policy. He is to preside over most meetings of the board.

RAIL WAGE BANNED

This Monday as the new board met, and presumably a second honeymoon was starting, there came an announcement which stirred up more hard feelings in the two-year controversy over railroad wages.

The announcement was made by Economic Stabilizer Eric Johnston, one of Wilson's chief aides. Johnston said that the 6-cent hourly cost-of-living wage boost which had been promised a million non-operating rail workers can't be allowed. Instead, the Army, which is still in charge of the railroads, announced the cost-of-living boost will be cut to 1½ cents.

Some rail union leaders promptly said this means trouble, and plenty of it. But others pointed out that the President has named a special panel to go into the issue, and they'd better wait and see. Johnston said the reason the 6-cent boost couldn't be okayed is because it would go beyond the 10 per cent allowance set up by the WSB on February 15.

JOHNSTON'S WARNING

Johnston, in a recent broadcast, warned labor and management that they'd better adjust their disputes between themselves, rather than leaving it open to Congress to settle the disputes for them.

Johnston's boss, Defense Mobilizer Wilson, said that stronger controls on food prices and on rents will have to be instituted. Johnston had just said that some standard of fair profits in industry will have to be set up and adhered to. So there is much talk from the top levels by the men labor has been criticizing, which sounds, on the surface, at least, as though labor were getting some of its points across.

FOOD PRICES STEADY

The Bureau of Labor Statistics announced that over the country as a whole food prices held steady in the month ending March 30. But in the Bay Area the BLS said that during the first 15 days of that period food prices went up 3 per cent.

There is talk in Washington of moves to freeze farm parity prices at their January 25 level as a means of checking the rise of food prices. This means a big fight in Congress, and the fact that Ray Wiser, head of the California Farm Bureau, refused to accept appointment to the National Advisory Board on Mobilization Policy may possibly be connected with the inside farm politics of this brewing battle.

On the defense front otherwise, indications were strongly given that the game is being played for keeps when a Federal Judge in New York sentenced to death two convicted atomic spies.

Dark hints were given that more espionage trials are coming. The proposal to draft youths of 18½ years was still being kicked around in Congress, and the Administration's plan to defer extra bright students was taking a shellacking from some Congressmen who claimed they could forbid the plan by a heavy vote.

In the Senate efforts of the GOP to chisel down still further Ike's army in Europe failed. In both Senate and House many investigations of this and that transaction in FRC, the Shipping Administration, etc., continued under way.

MacARTHUR AGAIN

But the attention of Congress, or at least the headlines about Congress, was occupied for days with the controversy over MacArthur. One way or another, through interviews with British newspapermen, a letter to Republican Leader Joe Martin in the House, conversations with Secretary of the Army Pace, MacArthur was asking for more troops and more power to wage war on Red China.

The controversy raged all the more fiercely after the President on Wednesday fired MacArthur, and put General Ridgway in his place. Senators McCarthy and Knowland and Mr. Hearst expressed unutterable grief and despair over the future of the republic.

Democrats' Sixth Congressional District Group Holds Meeting

(Sixth Congressional Demos.)

The Sixth Congressional District Democratic organization recently held its March membership meeting playing host to 14 of the 20 Oakland City Council candidates in a public forum presentation for the community.

Issues which evoked especial interest were: public housing, city sales tax and City Council power in respect to public transit.

Temporary officers of the organization are: Ray Cooke, president; Mrs. Rock, Mr. Yeoman and Charles Murray, vice-presidents; Mrs. M. Young, secretary; Kenneth Curley, treasurer; John Vickerman, program chairman.

At the meeting a three-member nominating committee, consisting of Mrs. Claudia Zumwalt, Mrs. Jean Berger and George F. Malone, was elected to make nominations for the election of permanent officers at the April membership meeting.

"Reapportionment" will be the subject of a speech-discussion presentation at the April membership meeting to be held Wednesday, April 25, at 8 p. m. The organization meets regularly on the ground floor of the Melrose Library, 48th avenue and Foothill boulevard.

Sincere citizens are invited to visit the meetings and join with the organization in its effort to increase democratic processes in our political life.

Rubber Workers Win Union Shop

CLEVELAND (LPA).—The CIO United Rubber Workers cracked the Big Four of the rubber companies by winning the union shop for its 25,000 members employed by Goodyear Tire and Rubber. The agreement averted a strike. Union members had authorized a walkout by better than 4 to 1.

President L. S. Buckmaster hailed the pact as "the crowning achievement of the fight URW has waged for 16 years to get a union shop contract with one of the Big Four companies." The others are Goodrich, Firestone and U. S. Rubber.

The agreement, reached at the last minute after two weeks of almost continuous negotiations, runs until February 10, 1953, but may be reopened on wages an unlimited number of times on 30 days notice.

In addition to 14,000 workers at Akron, the URW represents Goodyear workers at Los Angeles, Jackson, Mich.; Gadsden, Ala.; St. Marys, Ohio; Lincoln, Neb.; Windsor, Vt.; Topeka, Kan., and New Bedford, Mass.

UC-State Fed Institute Of Labor to Be Held, Santa Cruz June 10-16

State Federation News Service

The fourth annual AFL Labor Institute will be held June 10-16 at the Casa Del Rey Hotel in Santa Cruz, it was announced by the University of California.

Jointly sponsored by the University and the California State Federation of Labor, the institute will offer a week of intensive labor training in such spheres as the labor press, collective bargaining procedures under present controls, basic economics, use of statistics, health and welfare plans, state and federal labor legislation and labor's international role.

The Casa Del Rey Hotel offers excellent recreation facilities, including tennis courts and swimming. Rates are $9 per day per person for double room, American plan; $10 per day per person for single room, American plan. Children under 12 will be granted a half-price arrangement. Rooms will be available for family accommodations for those wishing to bring their children.

Pending the printing of formal literature, additional information may be obtained by writing to the Institute of Industrial Relations, either at Berkeley or Los Angeles.

AH! THAT FEELS GOOD

PORTLAND, Ore. (LPA).—Bob Hawes, 28, had his beard shaved off in the Labor Temple barber shop. It was about time, for the beard was 73 days old. But Bob had sworn not to shave until the strike of his union, the AFL Sheet Metal Workers, was settled. The employers in 30 large shops agreed to a wage of $2.40 an hour, an increase of 25 cents. Before the walkout the employers had offered a 15-cent hike at once, and 10 cents more June 1.

STRIKE THREATS WIN RAISE

EAST ST. LOUIS (LPA).—After twice threatening to strike, 65 firemen, members of AFL Firefighters Local 23, have received pay increases ranging from $70 to $155 a month. The increases are retroactive to January 1.

Sixty-three police officers also will receive the pay boost. New salary ranges in the two departments will be $290 to $425 a month, as against the previous scale of $220 to $285 a month.

Court Rules Tenant Can Sue After Decontrols

WASHINGTON (LPA).—A tenant can collect overcharges by a landlord even if he sues after his rent is decontrolled. The Supreme Court decided, 5 to 4, recently that a Dallas landlord must refund $1093 in rent overcharges between October, 1947, and May, 1949.

The U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals had ruled the Government was deprived of power to act under the rent control act because Dallas was decontrolled before the suit was filed.

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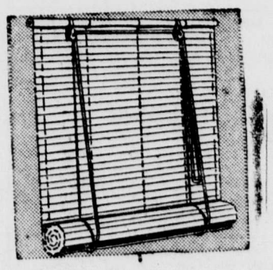
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Notice of Sale on April 30, 1951, of Property Deeded To the State for Delinquent Taxes

Whereas, I was on March 8, 1951, directed by the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County, State of California, and there was received by me and filed in my office, authorization of the State Controller dated March 15, 1951, to sell at public auction certain tax deeded property, public notice is hereby given that unless said property is redeemed or an installment plan of redemption is initiated, prior thereto, I will on **April 30, 1951,** at the hour of **10:00** o'clock A.M., in the Tax Collector's Office in the Court House of the County of Alameda, in the City of Oakland, sell the said property as directed, at public auction to the highest bidder for **cash in lawful money of the United States or negotiable paper** for not less than the minimum price or prices set forth in this notice.

The parcels of property that are the subject of this notice are situated in the County of Alameda, State of California, and are described as follows:

No. 1. Deed No. 74789. In City of Oakland, Glenwood, pce of ld beg at a pt on NE ln Leo Way at its intrn by the N ln of lot 6, blk F, as sd lot and blk and way are shown on Map of Glenwood, th S 89 deg 13 min 40 sec E 100.23 ft, th N 10 ft N 89 deg 13 min 40 sec W 46.23 ft, th S 1 ft, th N 89 deg 13 min 40 sec W 54 ft to NE ln Leo Way, th Sly alg sd ln a dist of 9 ft to beg, por of lot 5, blk F/7404. Last assessed to Laurence P. Wright. Minimum price $10.00 plus $1.00 recording fee.

No. 2. Deed No. 85264. In City of Oakland, Plat of the Part of the Rancho San Antonio Finally Confirmed to Antonio Maria Peralta, et al, pce of ld located S 46 deg 46 min 45 sec E 104.61 ft fm the SW cor of lot 12 in blk C as shown on Map entitled Montclair Acres, th N 65 deg 52 min 30 sec E 50 ft, th S 24 deg 40 min E 60 ft, th S 65 deg 52 min 30 sec W 50 ft, th N 27 deg 14 min W 60.08 ft to beg, por of blk 7183. Last assessed to B. S. Hanson. Minimum price $10.00 plus $1.00 recording fee.

No. 3. Deed No. 85510. In City of Oakland, Forestland Heights, lot 1389, blk 7347. Last assessed to Ruth Mohney. Minimum price $50.00 plus $1.00 recording fee.

No. 4. Deed No. 42723H. In City of Oakland, Plat of the Part of the Rancho San Antonio Finally Confirmed to Antonio Maria Peralta, et al, pce of ld beg at a pt on S ln of Oakwood Dr where sd ln is inter by SW ln of lot 2918 Thorndale, th S 1 deg 40 min 20 sec E 141.16 ft, th NWly on the arc of cur to left rad 371.50 ft a dist of 67.84 ft, th NWly on arc of cur to left rad 537.50 ft, th on arc of cur to right rad 15 ft a dist of 42.13 ft, th NEly alg sd SW ln of Oakwood Dr a dist of 115.80 ft to beg, por of blk 7377, known as lot 2919, blk 7377. Last assessed to Wickham Havens, Inc. Minimum price $25.00 plus $1.00 recording fee.

No. 5. Deed No. 74759. In City of Oakland, Thorndale, the por of lots 2915 and 2918 which lies SW of the NE ln of lot 358 as shown on Map of Forestland, blk 7377 (2919). Last assessed to Wickham Havens, Inc. Minimum price $25.00 plus $1.00 recording fee.

No. 6. Deed No. 85642. In City of Oakland, Thorndale, lot 3045, blk 7445. Last assessed to Bay Cities Properties Corp. Minimum price $25.00 plus $1.00 recording fee.

No. 7. Deed No. 85643. In City of Oakland, Thorndale, lot 3046, blk 7445. Last assessed to Bay Cities Properties Corp. Minimum price $25.00 plus $1.00 recording fee.

No. 8. Deed Nos. 93863, 93864 and 93865. In City of Oakland, Thorndale, lots 3011, 3012 and 3010, blk 7446. Last assessed to Bay Cities Properties Corp. Minimum price $75.00 plus $1.00 recording fee.

No. 9. Deed No. 85644. In City of Oakland, Thorndale, lot 2977, blk 7446. Last assessed to Bay Cities Properties Corp. Minimum price $25.00 plus $1.00 recording fee.

No. 10. Deed Nos. 93861 and 93862. In City of Oakland, Thorndale, lots 2978 and 2979, blk 7446. Last assessed to Bay Cities Properties Corp. Minimum price $50.00 plus $1.00 recording fee.

No. 11. Deed No. 93396. In City of Oakland, Map of Subdivision of Portion of Piedmont Heights, lot 23, blk 7147, exc por deeded to Sisters of the Sacred Names of Jesus and Mary, Y-26296. Last assessed to Central Construction Co. Minimum price $10.00 plus $1.00 recording fee.

No. 12. Deed Nos. 85657, 85658 and 85659. In City of Oakland, Thorndale, lot 2772, blk 7450, also Map of the Undivided Mountain or Hill Land of the Vicente and Domingo Peralta Rancho, pce of ld beg at a pt on the NE ln of Elverton Drive at its intrn by the SE ln of lot 2772, Thorndale, th N 44 deg 41 min 30 sec E 220.79 ft S 22 deg 45 min E 58 ft S 44 deg 51 min 25 sec W 231.62 ft, th NW 63.50 ft to beg, known as lot 2773, por of plot C, blk 7450, and also Map of the Undivided Mountain or Hill Land of the Vicente and Domingo Peralta Rancho, pce of ld beg at a pt on the NW ln of Elverton Dr at its intrn by the SW ln of lot 2760, Thorndale, th SWly alg the NW ln of Elverton Dr a dist of 236.26 ft, th N 44 deg 51 min 25 sec E 231.62 ft, th S 22 deg 45 min E 82 ft to beg, known as lot 2774, por of plot C, blk 7450. Last assessed to Bay Cities Properties Corp. Minimum price $75.00 plus $1.00 recording fee.

No. 13. Deed No. 93877. In City of Oakland, Map of the Undivided Mountain or Hill Land of the Vicente and Domingo Peralta Rancho, pce of ld beg at most cor of lot 2997, Thorndale, th NE 30 ft S 47 deg 35 min 10 sec E 68.23 ft S 48 deg W 30 ft N 47 deg 10 min 40 sec W 60.07 ft to beg, por of plot C, known as lot 2998, blk 7450. Last assessed to Bay Cities Properties Corp. Minimum price $15.00 plus $1.00 recording fee.

No. 14. No. 93878. In City of Oakland, Map of the Undivided Mountain or Hill Land of the Vicente and Domingo Peralta Rancho, pce of ld beg at the most NW cor of lot 3001 of Thorndale W 45 deg 30 min 50 sec E 100.97 ft N 48 deg E 25 ft N 44 deg 26 min 15 sec W 115.29 ft, th SW 30 ft to beg, por of plot C, known as lot 3002, blk 7450. Last assessed to Bay Cities Properties Corp. Minimum price $15.00 plus $1.00 recording fee.

No. 15. Deed No. 75135. In City of Oakland, Gwin Unit of Highlands of Oakland lot 334, blk 7614. Last assessed to Oakland Title Ins and Gty Co. Minimum price $175.00 plus $1.00 recording fee.

No. 16. Deed No. 75137. In City of Oakland, Gwin Unit of Highlands of Oakland, lot 271, blk 7617. Last assessed to The United Company. Minimum price $100.00 plus $1.00 recording fee.

No. 17. Deed No. 85860. In City of Oakland, University Uplands No. 2, lot 15, blk 7694-B. Last assessed to Cecelia A. Close 1/5, Clara L. Ringo 1/5, Walter R. Dodge 1/5, Jessie M. Rice 1/5, John J. Dodge 1/5. Minimum price $25.00 plus $1.00 recording fee.

No. 18. Deed No. 100598. In City of Oakland, University Uplands No. 2, lot 12, blk 7694-B. Last assessed to John Martin. Minimum price $25.00 plus $1.00 recording fee.

No. 19. Deed No. 85858. In City of Oakland, University Uplands No. 2, lot 10, blk 7694-B. Last assessed to E. B. Niepoth. Minimum price $25.00 plus $1.00 recording fee.

No. 20. Deed No. 85857. In City of Oakland, University Uplands No. 2, lot 9, blk 7694-B. Last assessed to E. V. Niepoth. Minimum price $25.00 plus $1.00 recording fee.

No. 21. Deed No. 85861. In City of Oakland, University Uplands No. 2, lot 18, blk 7694-B. Last assessed to Nick Milekovich. Minimum price $25.00 plus $1.00 recording fee.

No. 22. Deed No. 75181. In City of Oakland, University Uplands No. 2, lot 25, blk 7694-B. Last assessed to Joseph F. Derig. Minimum price $25.00 plus $1.00 recording fee.

No. 23. Deed No. 75186. In City of Oakland, University Uplands No. 2, lot 9, blk 7695-D. Last assessed to Engla Koch. Minimum price $25.00 plus $1.00 recording fee.

No. 24. Deed No. 85871. In City of Oakland, University Uplands No. 2, lot 24, blk 7695-D. Last assessed to Clara Bleuel. Minimum price $25.00 plus $1.00 recording fee.

No. 25. Deed No. 85875. In City of Oakland, University Uplands No. 2, lot 39, blk 7695-D. Last assessed to John Bleuel. Minimum price $25.00 plus $1.00 recording fee.

No. 26. Deed Nos. 85873 and 85874. In City of Oakland, University Uplands No. 2, lots 33 and 34, blk 7695-D. Last assessed to Clara Bleuel. Minimum price $50.00 plus $1.00 recording fee.

If redemption of the property or the initiation of an installment plan of redemption is not made before it is sold, the right of redemption will cease.

Edwin Meese, Jr.,
Tax Collector of Alameda County, State of California.

Location and Data Concerning Above Parcels

(The following information, unofficial and without warranty, is submitted for the guidance and convenience of prospective purchasers.)

No. 1. In Northeast Oakland, Glenwood Glade, on East side Leo Way, between Nos. 1042 and 1048—a 9 foot strip between residences. Min. price $11.

No. 2. In Northeast Oakland in rear of No. 6521 Liggett Drive, a 60 by 50 foot, upsloping lot without access. Min. price $11.

No. 3. In Forest Park, a 55 by 140 foot downsloping lot on South side Paso Robles Drive across street from house No. 1 Southwood Court and facing entrance to said Court—West side Shepherd Canyon just above Park Boulevard. Min. price $51.

No. 4. In Northeast Oakland, Thorndale district, a triangular parcel on Northeast corner of Oakwood Drive and Auto Driveway, opposite entrance to Oakwood Court —115.80 foot frontage on Oakwood Drive and 170 feet frontage on alley way known as Auto Driveway connecting with Wild Currant Way —corner circle of 42.13 ft. Min. price $26.

No. 5. In Northeast Oakland, Thorndale district, an irregular shaped parcel on North side Auto Driveway connecting Oakwood Drive and Wild Currant Way—just below Skyline Blvd—72 foot frontage on Auto Driveway—suggest this parcel be purchased in conjunction with No. 4. Min. price $26.

No. 6. In Thorndale District, a 50 by 167 foot downsloping lot on East side Jewell Court commencing about 50 feet South from South corner of Thorndale Drive and Jewell Court intersection. Min. price $26.

No. 7. In Oakland, a 49 by 157 foot upsloping lot on West side Lauriston Court adjoining in rear lot in No. 6 above. Min. price $26.

No. 8. In Northeast Oakland, a three-lot parcel comprising entire South corner of Thorndale Drive where same makes a reverse turn just below its intersection with Elverton Drive—just below Skyline Blvd in Round Top Park (a continuous frontage on circle of 520 feet). Min. price $76.

No. 9. In Northeast Oakland, a 55 by 259 foot downsloping lot on West side Ormindale Court next South from corner lot at Northwest corner Elverton Drive and Ormindale Court—just below Skyline Blvd. Min. price $26.

No. 10. In Northeast Oakland, a two-lot parcel on Northwest corner Elverton Drive and Ormindale Court —118 foot frontage by 332 foot depth —adjoins next North lot in No. 9 above. Min. price $51.

No. 11. In Rockridge District, a small triangular parcel at dead end of Morpeth Street and Jacobus Avenue—next South from No. 5808 Morpeth—near Catholic Parochial School. Min. price $11.

No. 12. In Northeast Oakland, a three-lot upsloping parcel with 364 foot circular frontage on North corner of point in Elverton Drive facing entrance to Ormindale Court—in Round Top Park near Observation Place just below Skyline Blvd. Min. price $76.

No. 13. In Northeast Oakland, a double frontage lot having 30 feet on path and 30 feet on high bank side of Elverton Drive—facing entrance to Thorndale Drive—Round Top Park—last lot on North side at end path known as Observation Place. Min. price $16.

No. 14. In Northeast Oakland, a double frontage lot in Round Top Park, second lot on North side of path leading from wide portion of Observation Place — off Skyline Blvd near North intersection of Elverton Drive—25 foot frontage on path downsloping approximately 100 feet to 30 foot frontage on Elverton Drive. Min. price $16.

No. 15. In Northeast Oakland—a 48 by 126 foot lot on North side Strathmoor Drive about 150 feet West from No. 134—above Hotel Claremont and Old Tunnel Road—go either up Alvarado Road off Tunnel Road near Hotel Claremont or up Buckingham off Old Tunnel Road. Min. price $176.

No. 16. In Northeast Oakland, a 56 by 76 foot upsloping lot on South side Devon Way approximately 325 feet South from No. 7050 on South corner of Devon Way and Norfolk Road—second lot East from private grounds at No. 6990 Devon Way. Min. price $101.

Nos. 17 to 26. In Northeast Oakland hill district, near Berkeley, on the North side of and above Claremont Road (Old Fish Ranch Road) about one-half mile East from Hotel Claremont property. Lots shown on map as follows, although streets are not cut through:

Parcels 17 to 22—6 lots scattered along Panoramic Way on ridge between Claremont Avenue and University of California property. Min. price $26 each.

Parcels 23 and 24—2 lots on Cox Way, 2 blocks above Claremont Road. Min. price $26 each.

Parcel 25—1 lot on MacDonald Way just off Panoramic Way. Min. price $26.

Parcel 26—2 lots on Wisdom Way, just off Panoramic Way. Min. price $51.

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Property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for the **full amount of his bid tendered, immediately,** (as each parcel is sold).

Edwin Meese, Jr.,
Tax Collector of Alameda County, State of California.

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DiSalle Decontrols Hospitals, Schools

WASHINGTON (LPA.) — Price Boss Mike DiSalle threw some more price controls out the window recently. He took the lids off what hospitals, schools and colleges charge for rooms, laboratories, tuition and other services. He also removed ceilings from the printing and bindery work done for the Government by private printers. (The over-burdened Government Printing Office had had to send work out recently.)

DiSalle said the schools and hospitals will be decontrolled for at least six months while his Office of Price Stabilization studies the way institutional fees are set. That means the exemption is indefinite.

Meanwhile, a controversy was developing over the "fifth tire" situation. The National Production Authority barred automobile dealers from including spare tires with new cars (but, to everybody's confusion, didn't bar car purchasers from picking up spare tires on their own). Dealers were expected to reduce car prices—but how much?

DiSalle's office said a dealer should cut the price of the car by an amount equal to the manufacturer's price on the tire plus the dealer's profit on it. An automobile trade association here contended the cut should amount to no more than the manufacturer's price. That would leave the dealer a small extra "bite."

Strike Ballots Go To Western Union Oakland Workers

The AFL Commercial Telegraphers Union, AFL, representing over 30,000 employes of the Western Union Telegraph Company throughout the United States, has announced that it is taking a strike vote among its membership in three divisions, Western Union Division, Southern Division and Southwestern Division, to authorize a strike against the company on or after July 1.

Strike ballots have just been mailed from the headquarters of the Western Union Division, Southern Division and Southwestern Division to each member of the union in every section of the country.

There are approximately 340 Western Union employes in Oakland. The majority of these employes work at the switching center at 12th and Oak streets.

This switching center is the main California relay office for automatically distributing messages from all over the nation to any city or town in California.

Commercial Telegraphers Local 208 has its headquarters at 1106 Broadway, with George W. Hageman, president, and R. H. McElhatton, secretary-treasurer.

The present contract between the union and the company provides for a reopening next July 1 on wages in the event of war. The union announced that it is demanding a general increase of at least 25 cents an hour, retroactive to March 1, 1951.

The union says that the past bargaining history of the company is such that no relief may be expected from the company, and that strike action appears to be necessary. It points to the fact that in the past eight years the company has offered a total of approximately 2 cents in wage raises to its employes.

According to the union, the average straight time wage rate in Western Union is approximately $1.27 per hour, whereas the wage rates in comparable industries average over $1.75 per hour.

The union's announcement states that the company has spent some $100,000,000 in the past few years in a vast mechanization and modernization program, which has resulted in the loss of thousands of jobs in the industry and a tremendous decrease in operating costs to the company.

This and other economies at the expense of the employes has left the company in the strongest financial position it has been in for many years, with indicated earnings of between $10 and $15 per share. In the past few years the company has cut its bonded indebtedness about $50,000,000. Its estimated gross revenue for the year 1951 is approximately $250,000,000. Despite all this, says the union, the company for many years has pleaded poverty.

U. C. Loyalty Oath Ruled Invalid by Appellate Court

The hotly-contested University of California "loyalty oath," which has caused widespread repercussions in academic circles for the past two years, was ruled invalid by the Third District Court of Appeals in Sacramento.

Reinstatement was ordered for the 18 non-signing professors who were dismissed by the University Board of Regents. The professors had been dismissed, not for sympathies or affiliations with Communists, but for "insubordination."

Handing down the unanimous decision were Presiding Justice Annette Adams, Associate Justice Paul Peek and Associate Justice B. F. Van Dyke.

The ruling ended the first court test of the controversial issue, although it appeared that the case would be carried to the State Supreme Court, according to indications given by Attorney Eugene Prince, who represented the Board of Regents before the court.

In the lengthy 12-page decision, the Appellate Court held that the dismissed professors were public officers who could not be required to take any other than the regular constitutional oath.

In addition to the reinstatement order, the language of the ruling appeared to cast doubt on the Levering Act, better known as the State Loyalty Oath. It said:

"We conclude that the people of California intended at least that no one could be subjected, as a condition of holding office, to any test of political or religious beliefs other than this pledge to support the Constitution of this state and of the United States;

"That the pledge is the highest loyalty that can be demonstrated by any citizen, and that the exacting of any other test of loyalty would be antithetical to our fundamental concept of freedom.

"Any other conclusion would be to approve that which from the beginning of our Government has been denounced as the most effective means by which one special brand of political or economic philosophy can entrench and perpetuate itself to the eventual exclusion of all others; the imposition of any more inclusive test would be the forerunner of tyranny and oppression."

The Alameda County Central Labor Council was one of many organizations which passed resolutions opposing the imposition of the so-called loyalty oath upon employes of the University of California.

Clothing Workers Prefer Price Fix to Wage Hike

ATLANTIC CITY (LPA). — The CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers would prefer real price controls to another wage raise, but because controls are not working the union will seek wage increases for its 375,000 members next summer.

Jacob S. Potofsky, union president, also announced here recently at the executive board meeting that the ACW will soon begin a major organizing drive to enroll 50,000 cotton garment workers in the South.

Potofsky pointed out that since the union negotiated raises ranging from 10 to 12½ cents an hour last November there has been a sharp increase in the cost of living. "We are watching this situation very fully," he said. "One thing is certain, controls are not working." The union leader said the union would prefer a rigid system of price controls instead of workers being continuously forced to fight for higher wages in an effort to keep up with rising prices.

Potofsky declared there is no indication that the cost of living is flattening out and that if prices continue to rise the ACW will demand wage increases for all members next July and August.

The Amalgamated has signed up about 10,000 members in the South in the past six months, more than in any like period in its history. Potofsky said this was due "to a real growth of union feeling in the South," and the one reason for the union's decision to step up its drive by adding as many as needed to the 30 representatives already below the Mason-Dixon line.

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Plan for the "Dollar More" club came out of a special meeting called recently for division leaders. After progress of the drive in each division had been reviewed, each division leader predicted the amount of money which is expected.

If the drive continues as it has in the past month, contributions will fall short of the $483,330 minimum goal by $50,000. The drive has been extended through the month. A final report meeting will be held April 26.

"If each person who has already contributed will put in $1 more, we'll be able to show our appreciation to servicemen by sharing in providing the blood and services needed to back them up," Smith said. He urged Bay Area residents to fill out the coupon, enclose a dollar and mail it to fund headquarters, 1324 Broadway, Oakland 12.

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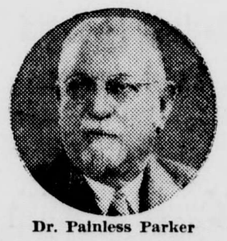
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DRESSING ROOM CHATTER

We recently received a most welcome communication from former Vice-president **Eddy Chew,** informing us that he has been released from the hospital. However, he still faces a period of convalesence of several months at home. We received many inquiries regarding Brother Chew and the interested parties can reach him at 1311 Carlton street, Berkeley. He will be confined to bed for the major part of his convalesence and would undoubtedly enjoy hearing from some of his former fellow workers. Take a minute and drop him a line.

Ruby Straehle, former member who worked the T. & D. boxoffice for a decade, is back in town after an absence of several years and is eyeing several job offers... The new Richmond civic auditorium is scheduled to open this month. Members, particularly in the vicinity of Richmond, interested in working there should contact the business office at their earliest convenience. Speaking of Richmond, **Geraldine Curry** has replaced Solie Cohen as manager of the Crest in that fair city ... **Ola White,** a former member, working in S. F. at the Golden Gate, is now Mrs. Glenn Roberson. The knot was tied March 10, according to our sister local's monthly bulletin... Also from B-18 we learn that Al Dunn, assistant manager to Frank Burhans at the Paramount here about 10 years ago, is now managing the Ellis, after moving out as managing director of the Downtown... **George Ebey,** preparing to leave the Fox-Oakland door for the Esquire, where he will replace **Wes Stone,** who is the new assistant to Charlie Pincus. Stone replaces **Wendell Thornton,** who quit to enter service in a law office ... Incidentally, they tell us that Stone's new theme song is "I'd Walk a Million Miles." Why? You'll have to ask him, that's all the information we received... **George Daley** back from a three-year visit to the South Seas, to say hello to his old friends in the local theaters. George was program director for one of the large Hawaiian hotels on the island of Oahu, where he increased attendance from an average of 80 to in excess of 2300, for the shows put on for the tourists. He gives a lot of credit to his early training under Jack Berman, whom he worked for as a marquee boy, back in the days when our financial secretary, **Bill Taylor,** was on the Laurel theater, door. He picked up more than a few pointers from Bill, too, he hastened to add.

What appears to be the biggest double bill to hit town in years is scheduled for the Paramount with "Father's Little Dividend," a sequel to "Father of the Bride," and "The Magnificent Yankee." Ray Thome, former manager of the Alameda, now manager of the Bal, was held up last week. Rene LaMarre, owner of the Bal and former manager of the old Downtown, was with him at the time. Thome is a resident of Alameda. The Alameda Times-Star carried a banner headline saying, approximately, "Alameda Theater Manager Robbed." We wonder who gave them that story... **Leroy Dixon** leaving the T. & D. door to go to work for the Pacific Gas and Electric Company... **Mablo Cardozo,** moving from the door to the night manager berth at the Broadway, replacing Al Davis... **Irene Rutherford** preparing to move from the California theater, after three years. She will make her new home in San Carlos. What a militant organization we could have with a few more such members. Irene has attended at least one meeting a month for the past 39 months, with one exception.

The next union meeting will be held on next Thursday, April 19, at 11:30 p. m.... The final meeting of the month is scheduled for the fourth Saturday at 10 a. m. on April 28... Richard Breen of the Dimond entering the armed forces... **Don't forget to vote in the primary election next Tuesday... Evelyn Marlowe Blalock** back at the old stand at the Roxie after spending several years in Detroit.

'WATCH IT' WITH WATCHMAKERS

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

Sorry we did not have a column last week, but I had a few days away from the office as part of my vacation, in an attempt to win the Councilman's position in the city of San Mateo. I am sorry to inform you that I was defeated in the election. We were naturally disappointed, but not discouraged. Due to the four issues on the ballot that affected taxes in the city of San Mateo, there was an exceptionally large turnout of voters for a city election. We feel confident that if it had not been for this fact I would have won a place on the City Council. We base this on the record that shows that in a city election two years ago the highest number of votes any candidate received was 3200, with one candidate winning a place on the City Council with only 1600 votes. Even though defeated, I was able to draw 3770 odd votes.

Because of the fact that I am only a newcomer to the city of San Mateo within the past two years or so, practically everyone in San Mateo, including the city officials, were surprised at the large number of votes cast in my behalf, and recommended that I run again for the City Council in two years. However, only time will tell on this.

In last Sunday's Examiner you may have seen the Macy's Department Store watch repair ad that quoted a $1 price for watch crystals. I visited both the Retailers Council and Macy's Department Store the following Monday morning to take up this matter, and they agreed that the price will not run again in any of Macy's watch repair advertisements. Needless to warn you of what would happen if the Union was not in existence, because after some 16 years we still find establishments and individuals are ready to break down standards and ethics we have built up over these years. You may rightfully say that "so they run the ad for one day with the price in it," but you must realize that if we did not stop the ad others would soon appear and then the cut-price business would start all over again.

The Oakland Watchmakers Bowling team, composed of the following players: Adrian Fuller, James Riseden, Walter Berens, Burt Drew, Edmund Connelly, Robert O'Hara, showed the San Francisco Watchmakers bowling team, composed of: Frank De Filippo, James Glasser, Leonard Allen, Phil Morin and myself, how to knock the pins over last Saturday night. Yes—the Oakland boys took three straight games from the San Francisco team, so it seems that at this writing the Oakland team would be the champions of the Union.

There was quite a crowd present at the bowling alleys, and practically all the wives of the bowlers were present, along with a few visitors that made for a very pleasant evening. To make the San Francisco team feel a little better after being defeated three times, Brother O'Hara took them to his home and furnished them with refreshments, with the party breaking up after midnight. Speaking for the San Francisco team—whether it be this year or next when we meet again, I would warn the Oakland bowlers to watch out.

Notice: Mr. D. Bridges, 45 Pine street, San Francisco, has a new watchmaker's bench and flourescent light which originally cost $160.75, for sale for $85. Anyone interested should contact the aforementioned.

CLEARING THE DECKS WITH 886 SHIPYARD AND MARINE SHOP LABORERS

At a special meeting of the Union April 6, action was taken to build a building for new Union headquarters for the Oakland office. The location has not been decided upon at this time. It is planned that the building will be erected and ready for occupancy within the next six months.

During the first two days of this week most of the available members were sent to work. It is gratifying to see this increase in work in the yards, as there was virtually no work at all for the past three weeks. However, there is still much room for improvement.

Business Representative Bartholomew is in attendance at the National Labor Relations Board hearing of the Machinists' petition for representation as a single unit in all Pacific Coast shipyards. The hearings will take two or three days of this week.

Brother Ray Brennan has been very busy the past week getting communications out to all California Senators and Congressmen urging them to do all they can to bring some shipbuilding and ship repair to the Pacific Coast. It seems that some of the public officials in Washington forget that the states of California, Washington and Oregon are in the United States. However, it is reasonable to believe that some of this work will eventually find its way to the Coast.

Every member is urged to get out and vote next Tuesday, April 17, in the city election. We must elect City Councilmen who will do the best job for the working men and women of our city. We urgently request all of organized labor to vote Yes on Proposition No. 4 and urge the membership to contact their Union offices for other information as to the proper candidates for office.

STEAMFITTERS' NOTES No. 342

The 31st convention of the California Pipe Trades Council will convene Friday, April 20, at 10 a. m. at the Hotel Constance in Pasadena, Calif. The election of delegates to the Council was held at the regular meeting on April 5 and the following were elected in the order named: Jim Martin, Lou Kovacevich, John Davy, Earl Gibson, Bill Weber and Jim O'Donnell. From all pre-convention information, General President Martin P. Durkin will be in attendance and will address the delegates.

Again, for all members of Local 342 who have not yet paid their work stoppage donation, please dispose of this matter at your earliest convenience. We wish to thank all members for their cooperation in this matter.

The next regular meeting of Local 342 will be held on April 19. We urge you to make every effort to be in attendance as matters of vital importance will be discussed.

Fraternally,
JAMES MARTIN.

PRINTERS' AUXILIARY No. 26

The April business meeting of W. A. No. 26 was held at the home of Maude Hickox with a good attendance. Our new president, Mary Farley, presided.

President Mary Farley outlined some of the events for the coming year, also naming the chairmen and their committees for the coming year.

Chairmen are as follows: Lavon Rozzell, laws; Beth Ferguson, Union Label; Elizabeth Fee, ways and means; Ada Bean, entertainment; Freda Cripps, auditing; Evelyn Walters, education; Minerva Feeney, sunshine and rallying; Maude Hickox, membership.

President Mary Farley was elected to be the delegate to the California Conference of Typographical Unions held in Bakersfield April 7 and 8.

Social day will be at the home of Minerva Feeney, 3233 Randolph avenue, Oakland, April 19. Luncheon and cards. The social day had to be changed from Park Boulevard Clubhouse due to the fact the floors are being resurfaced.

The American Cancer Society was to show a film on this date, but since we had to change our meeting place, the date was cancelled and arrangements will be made to show this film at a later date.

Hostesses for social day are Freda Cripps, chairman, assisted by Mrs. Bunny, Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Feeney.

Mrs. Mabel Patterson and son, Harold, journeyed to Denver, Colo., for a short vacation.

Sorry to report that Mr. Small and Mr. Stiffler are confined to the hospital.

ELIZABETH FEE,
Press Correspondent.

LABOR TEMPLE AUXILIARY

At our last meeting we had election of officers and they are as follows:

President—Clara Burnett.
Vice-president—Pauline Tomsic.
Recording Secretary — Lucy Hjelm.
Financial Secretary—Jessie Houston.
Treasurer—Aline Haake.
Chaplain—Rose Rodgers.
Guide—Julia Wayne.
Marshall—Tillie Bartmess.
Musician—Pearl Scott.
Board of Trustees—Adeline Cook, chairman; Evelyn Richardson, Dolly Hollenbeck and Louisa Durrer.

Our heartiest congratulations to them all. We will have our installation of officers May 19.

Next business meeting will be May 1. Hope everyone will be able to attend.

The rummage sale was a huge success. Thanks to everyone for their help.

See you at next meeting.

LUCILLE FAVA,
Recording Secretary.

BOTTLE BLOWERS WIN NOD

PHILADELPHIA (LPA). — The Glass Bottle Blowers Association, AFL, won over the Glass, Ceramic and Silica Sand Workers, CIO, in a representation election at the Kaylo plants of Owen-Illinois in Sayerville and Berlin, N. J.

Jack London's Union Holds 50th Anniversary

SAN JOSE (LPA). — A union which the famous novelist Jack London helped organize celebrated its golden anniversary this month with a dinner-dance attended by its national officers. The union is the Laundry Workers, Dyers and Cleaners Union 33, AFL.

Though many of the early records have been lost or destroyed, President John Douglas has compiled its colorful history by going through newspapers of the early 1900's and by talking to charter members.

The ground work was laid in 1898 by London and Harry Ryan, now 75 years old. London worked in a laundry as a washman during the day and at night worked on one of his novels in Ryan's office in the Labor Temple.

London was concerned about the deplorable working conditions in the laundries and induced Ryan to help start an organizing drive. The novelist left San Jose shortly after the drive began and the organizing work was completed by Ryan and Frank Hepp. The local was chartered in 1901.

Ryan recalls that laundry workers, especially girls, worked 12 to 16 hours a day for as low as $6 a month and board. One laundry was feeding its workers the leftover and discarded food of local restaurants. Temperatures in the working rooms were often as high as 140 degrees.

Strikebreakers were used to break the union's drive for an eight-hour day in 1909. The local answered by establishing the Temple Laundry to compete with the employers. The union continued its drive for shorter hours and takes credit for the present state law of an eight-hour day for women.

About 1200 persons attended the anniversary dinner. Among the invited guests were International President Sam J. Byers, International Vice-presidents Lawrence Falacios and Charles Goldstein, Robert Mathers, president of the State Council of Laundry Workers; William McKenna, president and business agent of the union in 1910, and Ryan.

251 Family Unit Permits In March; 126 March, '50

Permits for building 251 family dwelling units were issued in March as compared with 126 in the same month last year, the Oakland building inspector's office announces.

A total of 684 permits for all types of buildings was issued, valued at $3,597,521.

Hearst Press Does All It Can to Kill Disability Clause

State Federation News Service

The legislative fate of AB 3376 was in considerable confusion, as the powerful employer lobby struck at the Federation-sponsored disability insurance bill with crippling amendments during the Finance and Insurance Committee hearings held in the State Capitol.

As the Hearst press of the state launched hostile editorials against the measure, the Finance and Insurance Committee, by a 9 to 6 vote, approved amendments which were sternly opposed by AFL spokesmen.

Against the expressed wishes of C. J. Haggerty, Federation legislative representative, and Charles P. Scully, Federation attorney, the committee adopted in substance amendments which in main would (1) reduce the maximum benefit figure from $35 to $30 per week; (2) freeze the disability reserve fund, making newly gained surpluses unavailable for increased benefits; (3) permit disability payments to workers unemployed during an industrial dispute only when such workers are hospitalized.

In order to clarify these and additional amendments, the committee voted to hold a closed or "cloak room" hearing on the proposed changes next Monday night, April 9.

Voting against organized labor on the amendments were Assemblymen Richard J. Dolwig (R., South San Francisco); Donald L. Grunsky (R., Watsonville); H. W. Kelly (R., Shafter); Frank Lanterman (R., La Canada); Harold K. Levering (R., Los Angeles); Charles W. Lyon (R., Beverly Hills); G. Delbert Morris (R., Los Angeles); H. Allen Smith (R., Glendale).

Voting for labor and against the employer lobby were Assemblymen Julian Beck (D., San Fernando); Francis Dunn Jr. (D., Oakland); Thomas A. Maloney (R., San Francisco); Charles W. Meyers (D., San Francisco); William H. Rosenthal (D., Los Angeles); Ernest R. Geddes (R., Pomona).

IAM Districts, Lodges Pledge Full Support to United Labor's Stand

WASHINGTON (LPA).—Letters and telegrams poured into the Grand Lodge of the International Association of Machinists, pledging support of the AFL-CIO United Labor Policy committee's fight against the way defense mobilization is being run. Messages were addressed to IAM President Al Hayes.

"The unanimity of purpose and objectives of the United Labor Policy Committee received and shall receive the wholehearted endorsement and complete support of District 15 and, we are sure, of all organized labor," said Sal F. Crivelli of New York, District 15's secretary-treasurer.

"We want to let you know that we approve the actions of the United Labor Policy Committee and that we will back you to the limit. Keep up the good work," said E. R. Linn

CANCER RESEARCH GETS AID

WASHINGTON (LPA). — Grants totaling $1,305,930 for cancer research have been awarded to 62 hospitals, universities and other institutions in 24 states, the District of Columbia and three foreign countries.

The grants, announced recently, were made by the Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health, a department of the Federal Security Agency. They were made upon recommendation of the National Advisory Cancer Council.

Size of the grants ranged from $1850 for Texas to $174,337 for New York. Foreign grants were: Canada, $15,000; France, $24,833, and Puerto Rico, $7992.

Car Insurance Rates In N. J. Hiked for Negroes, Civil Rights Group Says

NEWARK, N. J. (LPA).—Automobile insurance companies charge Negro car owners higher premium rates than white owners, Arthur Chapin, New Jersey CIO Civil Rights Director, disclosed. In a letter to Joseph A. Bustard, director of the state division against discrimination, Chapin said the rate differential ranged from 20 to 40 per cent.

"When I questioned one insurance company, they informed me that the companies that did their research analysis on individual applicants for liability insurance immediately check to see whether or not the applicant is a Negro through the state division of motor vehicles and the insurance underwriters use this as a basis of higher premium rates," Chapin wrote.

He said applicants for New Jersey drivers' licenses must state their race, although such statements aren't required in neighboring Pennsylvania. "Since it has been your policy to end segregation and discrimination and to create wherever possible fuller citizenship participation, it is my hope that you will order that the question of color be deleted from our state applications," Chapin wrote.

Senator Duff Calls for Freeze on Profits, Too

YORK, Pa. (LPA).—A call to freeze profits along with wages and prices was sounded by Sen. James H. Duff (R., Pa.) at the 49th annual convention of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor here.

"If materials are to be allocated, if wages are to be fixed, if prices are to be frozen, the same thing must happen to profits," Duff said. "The time is here to eliminate all tax loopholes in the tax laws before new and heavier taxes are imposed."

Duff won his nomination for senator last year after a violent split with the state's Republican machine, controlled by the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association. The PMA supported Duff in the November election. Labor supported Sen. Francis Myers.


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IF YOU DON'T VOTE NEXT TUESDAY, YOU'RE VOTING TO BE KICKED AROUND!

This coming Tuesday, April 17, is the day you have the chance to vote on the question of whether or not you wish to be kicked around in Oakland during the prolonged defense period.

If you wish to be kicked around, to have everything done to you as a working man or woman and as a consumer that is within the power of the local big interests, just stay away from the polls.

If you wish to have your friends remain on the City Council, and have your enemy who is now there removed, then go to the polls and cast your ballot.

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The AFL Educational League of Alameda County has carefully interviewed the candidates, and has kept check on the records of those now on the City Council. The recommendations made by the executive committee of the league were approved at a political convention made up of the delegates to the Building Trades Council and the Central Labor Council.

The list of the AFL-recommended candidates, and of the AFL recommendations on the propositions which will be on the ballot this coming Tuesday will be found on page one of this issue of East Bay Labor Journal.

A vote for the five AFL-endorsed candidates for the City Council, and for the AFL-endorsed candidate for city auditor is a civic investment of the first magnitude for you.

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Also, don't forget that it is very important to vote on the propositions.

We remind you especially of the importance of voting YES on No. 4, which sets up the Police-Firemen Retirement Plan wanted by the policemen and firemen themselves, and endorsed by organized labor.

Proposition 5, which would take away sick leave and vacation benefits from workers in the Oakland Electrical Department, should have a good, emphatic NO vote marked against it.

You will do a service to your fellow workers in the police and fire departments by voting YES on Proposition 4.

You will do a service to your fellow workers in the city Electrical Department by voting NO on Proposition 5.

You will do a service to yourself as a member of organized labor, as a consumer, as a citizen, by going to the polls Tuesday and voting on all offices and all propositions.

LOYALTY OATH DAMAGE

We are glad to have received a copy of the interim report of the Committee on Academic Freedom to the Academic Senate, Northern Section of the University of California.

This little booklet is so well constructed that mere recital of the chapter headings tells an impressive story. Here it is:

1—Loss of Staff: 26 Faculty Members Ejected; 37 Resignations in Protest.

2—Disruption of Program: 55 Courses Dropped from the Curriculum.

3—Reactions in the Profession: Signed Protests from Over 1200 Colleagues in More Than Forty American Colleges.

4—Refusals of Offers of Appointment: To Date, 47 Refusals of Offers of Appointment.

5—Resolutions of Learned Societies: Condemnatory Resolutions by 20 Professional Societies and Groups.

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Some sentences from the final section, headed Conclusions, should be considered carefully:

"From the injury thus far done it, the University will not, in the opinion of your committee, soon recover . . . Until the 26 are fully restored there can be in this faculty no peaceful progress and in the profession at large no removal of the interdict . . . Meanwhile, and in lack of these measures, there is every indication that the University is fated to continue a tragic course toward bankruptcy in those resources of repute, intellectual power, and integrity which are its essential treasure."

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Those are strong words. Who signs this report, and whose strong and good words are those which have just been quoted?

Read the list of the five signers of the report, and you realize that these are men of standing indeed:

Wendell M. Stanley, professor of biochemistry, director of the virus laboratory, and chairman of the committee making the report.

Ewald T. Grether, Flood professor of economics and Dean of the School of Business Administration.

James R. Caldwell, professor of English.

William R. Dennes, professor of philosophy, Dean of Graduate Division.

Robert A. Nisbet, associate professor of sociology and social institutions.

NEVADA'S YELLOW DOG

The Nevada State Labor News in its March 15 issue ran a top headline stating that "YELLOW DOG" IS LAW.

In an editorial the Nevada labor paper explains that "in a nutshell, the law provides for the open shop, allowing both union and non-union labor to work at the same trade, side by side, thereby letting the non-union worker profit by organized labor's hard won gains. Over a period of time it will break down labor-management relations, resulting eventually in a lower working wage for all labor, including both organized and unorganized groups."

The term "yellow dog contract" was originally applied to a contract by which the worker agreed to refrain from joining a union. In 1908 Congreess passed a law, the Erdman Act, prohibiting the use of such contracts on the railroads. Ten years later the Supreme Court declared this unconstitutional.

It wasn't until 1937, when the Wagner Act was declared constitutional by the Supreme Court that the NLRB was able to take effective action in outlawing the "yellow dog contract."

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FRIEND AND FOE
In Radio and Press

A MOST INTERESTING fragment of local labor history fell into our hands recently for which we thank Building Trades Council Business Representative Jack Reynolds.

It had to do with a small cardboard placard proclaiming in bold red and black letters:

Vote for
JOHN F. MULLINS
Member Oakland City Council
for
SUPERVISOR
Fifth District
REPUBLICAN AND UNION
LABOR CANDIDATE
Election Tuesday, Nov. 3, 1908

THE THING THAT piqued our curiosity was the fact that Mr. Mullins was a Republican and Union Labor candidate for a position which for years has been run on a non-partisan basis.

In a telephone conversation with the 71-year-old Mr. Mullins we were told that he had received the nominations by both parties at separate conventions. He recalled that the Union Labor convention (their last one, by the way) was held in the now defunct Hamilton Hall at 13th and Jefferson streets.

He remembered, as though it were yesterday, his election as the youngest member of the Oakland City Council in 1907. His election a year later as Supervisor inaugurated a long tenure of public service which continued until 1929.

He then dropped out of the public eye to dabble in the insurance and bond business until 1934.

BUT THE URGE TO RETURN to public office was not to be denied. He took and passed a civil service examination and was appointed in 1934 as manager and director of the Oakland Auditorium. The man who appointed him was none other than John F. Hassler, the present city manager.

Mr. Mullins completed the full cycle when he retired from his directorship in 1949 to pick up where he left off in the insurance business.

After a lifetime of hectic official activities, he now lives a less strenuous life with his wife at 415 Bellevue avenue, Oakland.—PL.

WHO SPENDS MOST? BIG BIZ OR LABOR?

League Reporter (LLPE)

Last year the American Medical Association (AMA) spent $1,326,000 in lobbying against national health insurance. The year before it spent $1,523,000. Total for two years: $2,849,000.

Last year the hate outfit called the Committee for Constitutional Government (CCG), run by ex-jailbird Edward Rumely who helped the Kaiser, spent $922,000 for lobbying against trade unions and everything that spells progress. The year before it spent $621,000. Total for two years: $1,543,000.

So it goes. Figures filed with the Senate and the Clerk of the House show that lots of money was spent by Big Business groups to influence legislation.

In 1949 and 1950 the Association of American Railroads spent $464,000 for lobbying. The National Small Businessmen's Association—whose contributors are mostly Big Businessmen who want fewer benefits for the plain people—spent $413,000.

The National Association of Electric Companies spent, in that two-year period, $770,000, and the National Association of Real Estate Boards (NAREB) spent $273,000.

The National Tax Equality Association (NTEA) spent $664,000 in fighting for income taxes on cooperatives.

Meantime, the AFL spent only $190,000 and the CIO $75,000. That's less than 2 cents per union member.

755 LABOR GROUPS EARN ECA'S THANKS

U. S. Govt. Release

WASHINGTON.—Recognition of the work done by labor organizations in demonstrating the American way of life to trade unionists and employers from Europe was made in the form of Marshall Plan Certificates of Cooperation presented to representatives of 755 labor organizations.

Industrial firms were similarly thanked for their services in the program of technical aid to Europe which the Economic Cooperation Administration initiated shortly after the over-all program began on April 3, 1948, three years ago.

Labor and industry groups joined in a special ceremony in Washington, D.C., when certificates were presented to the American Federation of Labor, the Congress of Industrial Organizations, the International Association of Machinists, the United Mine Workers, the Railway Labor Executives Association, the Business Advisory Council of the Department of Commerce, the Committee for Economic Development, the National Association of Manufacturers, the National Industrial Council, the National Foreign Trade Council, the United States Chamber of Commerce and the U. S. Section of the Anglo-American Council of Productivity.

In nearly 500 communities across the nation, certificates signed by ECA Administrator William C. Foster were awarded by mayors and other community leaders to labor and other groups.

QUITE A FEW

A revivalist said to his congregation:

"There is a man among us who is flirting with another man's wife. Unless he puts $5 in the collection box, his name will be read from the pulpit."

When the collection box came in there were six $5 bills in it, and one for $2 with a note pinned to it, saying:

"This is all the cash I have, but will send the other $3 on Wednesday."



POSTAL PLIGHT

In a recent issue of the Postal Record, published by the National Association of Letter Carriers, there is an article by James J. Doran, who during 44 years of service held high positions in the postal service. Doran discusses the curtailment of postal service now in effect. Following is a portion of his article:

Until shortly after World War II the average American, and in fact all Americans, took our Postal Service for granted. It was looked upon with confidence and faith in its honesty and efficiency. Its rank and file could, if they so desired, boast of a fidelity not easily equaled and never surpassed. If its laws were broken or violated its inspection service went into action and stayed at it until the law breakers were in custody and punished. It could match its performance with any of its fellows in the National Government and do so without apology or explanation.

It was generally credited with doing a fine job during the war and was praised highly for contributing a great deal to our fighting men's morale by its prompt and efficient handling of the military mail. It did all this in spite of the absence of thousands of its best employes who were in the war. After the war, rising costs of operation brought on staggering deficits which aroused Congress and brought considerable criticism from a variety of sources. This made a strange and not easily understood picture—with a less experienced force during the war we were praised; with our experienced and efficient men and women back at work we were charged with waste and inefficiency.

There had to be a reason for this change and the reason was not hard to find. The department wanted a raise in postal rates and the publishers and heavy mail users said "No. It was not justified. Cut your costs. Put in up-to-date methods. Avoid your duplication. Dispose of useless records," and on and on. The deficit had grown steadily until in each of the fiscal years of 1949 and 1950 it exceeded $550,000,000. All concerned became postal deficit conscious.

The department and other parts of the Federal Government had been investigated by the Hoover Commission. After the task force that spent the greater part of a year in its work on the Postal Service made its report a claim arose that a yearly savings of more than $200,000 was possible if up-to-date methods were used and modern mechanical equipment bought for the field service. This was just the kind of charge the opponents of the increased postal rate bill wanted and they used it to the best of their ability and capacity.

Just about the time it seemed nothing more could happen to or be said about the Postal Service that would add to its worries and troubles, the Post Office Department, yes the department itself, decided otherwise. The department reached the conclusion it had to curtail and eliminate postal service throughout the country. Accordingly, on April 18, 1950, there appeared in the Postal Bulletin one of the most drastic orders ever written by a Postmaster General. You are familiar with the order which has been properly labeled the Curtailment Order.

PASSING THE BUCK TO LABOR

Sacramento Union Labor Bulletin

Recently News Commentator Eric Sevareid talked over the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) about the defense program. Some of his remarks follow:

"In a wartime period, by some baffling process of reasoning, it is always the attitude and condition of labor that are unfavorably compared with those of the soldiers fighting in the foxholes. Business men, professional men and farmers are somehow immune from the odious comparison. And it is perhaps worth noting that the people and papers most roundly denouncing labor now for withdrawing its strength, are the people and papers that never wanted organized labor to have this much strength in the first place . . .

"Only one-eighth of organized labor enjoys contacts in which wages rise as the cost of living rises. So, prices rise rapidly, rents creep upward, a new tax bill is prepared which will hit lower incomes hard. And only that one-eighth of labor has even a temporary kind of parity guarantee of protection, while the farmers have a guarantee written into the basic legislation, and retailers everywhere now have a guarantee through the protection of their mark-ups — their margin of profit on the things they buy from wholesalers and sell to consumers."

"Worst off of all, of course, are the lower middle-class people . . . the teachers, the civil servants, those living on pensions and insurance and so on. They are in such a hopeless position in the face of rising costs, that Price Director DiSalle told Congress today it may have to think about increasing social security benefits . . .

"The Government lost far too much time in delaying from early fall to midwinter, any serious moves to put a halter on runaway prices. They got 'way ahead of the average small earners' rise in income. In the last year only 3,000,000 workers got raises of as much as 10 per cent . . ."

LET'S SHED A TEAR

Washington Teamster

It's time to stop at our work and shed a little tear for good old General Motors. Just a couple days after the kindly and thoughtful price board back in Washington let G.M. raise prices another 5 per cent, came the word that this corporation only broke all profit records by a third in 1950. Just a mere $800,000,000 dollars for the boys who own the stock. That's after taxes, too. We are so sorry, but with the new price boost maybe old G.M. will be able to do better this year.

ENGLISH LESSON

A professor of English had a very pretty secretary. One day his wife, entering his study unexpectedly, found the secretary sitting on his knee.

"Eustache," she said, "I am surprised."

The professor turned around. "No, my dear," he said. "We are surprised; you are astonished."

"Militarism has been by far the commonest cause of the breakdown of civilizations."—Arnold J. Toynbee, noted historian and author.

MOVING?
ARE YOU MOVING TO A NEW ADDRESS?

The U. S. Post Office Department, under a new ruling, will no longer notify The East Bay Labor Journal of your new address. It is now your responsibility. Unless you notify this newspaper when you move, the post office will suspend delivery of your newspaper after two issues.

FILL OUT THE FORM AND MAIL TO US!

Otherwise, you will not receive your weekly newspaper. Furthermore, your union will be unable to keep in touch with you on important union meetings, death assessments and benefits and important communications.

Effective immediately I am moving to a new address.

Name..... Local No.....

Old Address..... City.....

New Address..... City.....

(Clip out and mail to The East Bay Labor Journal, P. O. Box 237, Oakland 4, California)

WOMEN
in This World
By EDITH McCONN

CHRONIC WORRIERS ABOUT the state of our nation worry a lot over the fact that we have become a nation of spectators.

We sit and watch games, bouts and races, we sit and watch movies and television, we sit and listen to the radio. A great many people have no amusements beyond these.

A smaller, but growing number of people, however, have taken advantage of opportunities offered by our boards of education in many large cities to learn to amuse themselves by doing things.

Making music is one of the most popular of these amusements, and in many cities amateur orchestras have found that the fun of doing things together is perhaps the most fun that human beings can have.

New York, being the largest of our cities, has one of the largest movements of this kind. But it is also typical of what is to be found in many smaller places.

All sorts of people in all walks of life make up an orchestra which meets in a high school in the Bronx once a week.

"Exhilarating and relaxing" is the reason given by these busy people for their faithfulness in attendance at these weekly rehearsals.

The youngest member is a 15-year-old girl, the eldest a 73-year-old man. A mother of three children, a tree-removal expert, a doctor, a dentist, a lawyer, school teachers, stenographers and housewives find time for this evening of music.

Moreover, not only the musicians have fun. On rehearsal nights scores of people from the neighborhood come in to listen to this orchestra at its practice.

Of course, it gives concerts from time to time, and these concerts draw packed halls. But the real reward is the making of music.

In our own area there are musical groups and dance groups of various kinds. You'll be doing yourself a good turn to look one up and join it.

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Here's One Man Who Thinks A Woman Can Keep a Secret

Charles Vyse, an elderly potter in England, is a man who believes a woman can keep a secret. He is going to teach Barbara Weller, a young British sculptress, his secret process for making a certain type of pottery.

Many years ago he worked out a method for making pottery so closely resembling the famous work of the Sung dynasty that China more than once asked him to come and teach in that country.

He kept his secret, however, and no one in the world but himself and Miss Weller know it.

Part of the secret of the superb glazes is known to be the use of certain ashes which Miss Weller collects from the Sussex countryside. From this is made a subtle shade of blue. Another ash produces a fiery red.

A delicate bowl the color of an opal was the end result of 20 years of experiments.

Not only must the potter know his materials, he must also know when and how long these ashes have been burned. And, above all, he must know how to bake his glazes once they are made.

Many people in recent years have discovered the fun of working with ceramics. It is a fascinating hobby, for even the beginner can turn out attractive objects.

Best of all, like any art, it leads one on and on. While some experts would doubtless give much to know the secrets of Potter Vyse, most of us will be content to learn the open secrets of the craft.

There's always the chance, too, of a happy discovery to give on added interest to this ancient art.

GRAHAM WARNS U.S. TO GUARD AGAINST DEFENSE LET-DOWN

U. S. Gov't Release

CHICAGO. — Americans must guard against "complacency and let-down" in mobilizing for defense, the U. S. Labor Department Manpower Administrator, Frank P. Graham, said here.

Graham spoke recently before the Manpower Mobilization Conference of the Department of Labor for the states of Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana.

He said "the grave anxieties of the Department of Defense are based on the dangers that we, as a people, with success here and there, may become complacent and tend to relax in our total democratic efforts for defense in the face of dictators, who never relax in their sometimes open and sometimes covert, but always relentless, will for totalitarian power over the peoples of the earth."

"The free and full participation of all groups of the people, united on all fronts under patriotic leadership, could, and we believe will, vigorously sustain the coordinated programs of military and civilian mobilization, training and production," Graham emphasized. "This is the goal to which the President and the Congress have committed our people in the self-defense of the United States and of the United Nations as the best hopes for the prevention of a third world war, the saving of human freedom and the establishment of peace on earth. To relax in American military and civilian mobilization and international cooperation now is to invite further aggression against the isolated nations, the freedom of peoples and the peace of the world."

CARD SHARK

Teacher: "Today's lesson teaches us about the influence of kings and queens, but there is still a higher power. Who can tell me what it is?"

Johnny: "Aces, teacher."

FREEDOM MOCKED

Farmers Union Herald

The other day the United Press carried on its wires a story from Washington about the closing of the newspaper La Prensa, in Buenos Aires. The Argentine government dictatorship under Peron had closed the paper because it would not line up with the government.

The UP story stated that our Government had notified the Peron dictatorship that public opinion here was against such closing. It told the Argentine government that the closing of La Prensa would "limit the ability of the United States to continue its cooperation with Argentina." In other words, Uncle Sam is putting pressure on a foreign dictatorship to protect freedom of the press in a foreign country.

But the question that comes to mind with this news is: "What is Uncle Sam doing to protect freedom of the press and other democratic guarantees in his own front yard?"

Recently, Dwight Young, the editor of the Dayton, Ohio, Journal Herald, told members of the American Society of Newspaper Editors that he was concerned about freedom of the press right here at home.

He said there is a growing tendency on the part of public officials and bureaucrats to suppress information of concern to the people.

This tendency has shown up pretty close to home. In Minnesota, the co-op and labor press, including the Farmers Union Herald, has been unable to get an answer to formal requests for a seat at the press table in the Legislature. Leaders of the conservative majority of both houses of the Legislature apparently do not want any editors taking notes who might be inclined to criticize the Legislature. Only the two big city newspaper monopolies in Minnesota now have access to the press tables in the House and the Senate. Both of these monopolies are sympathetic with the conservative leadership.

The loyalty test phobia is plaguing American universities. Professors and other educators are concerned about freedom of education as well as freedom of speech and of press. It was reported recently that 47 educators had turned down offers of jobs from the University of California simply because of the loyalty oath required. Undoubtedly, all of the 47 are good Americans who, as a matter of principle, will not associate themselves with what they consider an interference with their academic freedom.

A move to require a loyalty oath at the University of Minnesota was killed in the Legislature. And credit for killing it goes not only to cool-headed legislators. Credit also is well-deserved by President Morrill who, backed by public opinion, courageously opposed the action.

Nothing has done more than McCarthyism to force the growing compromise with our traditional American freedoms. Sensational and, usually, fictitious charges by McCarthy, Senator Bridges and others, free of legal responsibility to the person or organizations accused, become truth to many people when they go unanswered. The irresponsible charges, made under the cloak of immunity, are then peddled to the people by groups with axes to grind. They cut their competitors' throats as effectively as with a knife. But much more cowardly because they know they are safe from prosecution, even though the charge be completely false.

A BOY AND A BB GUN

Christian Science Monitor

A Fort Worth youngster with the nostalgic name of Merriweather wrote his city councilman protesting a women's good government league's campaign against air rifles —"BB guns."

Wrote Tommy:

How does she think we Americans are going to learn to shoot good to shoot Communists? . . . I bet more men deer hunters are killed with high power rifles than people are hit with BB's and I would rather be shot with a BB and grown men are sposed to have good sence.

P. S.—Billy's pop nearly cut his foot off in his new lawn mower. Why doesn't Mrs. W (the anti-BB drive leader) stop lawn mowers?

A lot of sincerity, sense and nonsense packed into a few lines. If this letter didn't blurt out with boyish candor a line of reasoning that isn't limited to boys, we'd join in the chorus of kindly laughter and let it go at that.

Just in passing—we're sorry it didn't come to Tommy to say he wanted skill to defend his country instead of "to shoot Communists." That's a sad commentary on the times. We join with Tommy, on the other hand, in his doubts about the "good sence" of grown men with high-powered rifles.

But let's get down to the lawn mower. Are lawn mowers and air rifles wielded by small boys around urban neighborhoods quite comparable? We would be surer that Tommy will discover the difference when he gets older if it were not that we come across so many adults who either don't or won't. They ask: People lose money in the stock market and in business deals, don't they, as well as in gambling? Why blame liquor for beatings and murders—don't automobiles kill people, too?

All human devices present hazards as well as benefits. The only valid question is: What is the balance between their hazards and their usefulness to society?

How many of these grown-up quiz kids would be willing to debate the relative social value of a venture in a corner grocery (or even in the stock market) and a week's wages risked on Dog Biscuit's nose in the third? Or of the family care and a case of whisky?

LABOR! PAY HEED!

League Reporter (LLPE)

The rich guys always vote. But most other people fall down on the job.

The February Oregon Democrat points out 81 per cent of the voters of 15 Portland precincts where rich people live went to the polls in 1950. But only 47 per cent of the people in 15 precincts where plain people live bothered to vote.

If more people like you and your neighbor went to the polls, more people with your interests at heart would be elected.

"Complacent Americans could still be the undoing of America and the free world."—Gen. Omar Bradley.

WE DON'T PATRONIZE

The following persons and firms, after a thorough examination into the causes at issue, have been deemed unworthy of the patronage of members of organized labor and their friends:

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